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Trails Set Up Snowmobile Trails in County

Country is snowmobile friendly, Grayling, Michigan is in the greatest snowmobile country in Michigan.



CLYDE BORCHERS AND GERRY BURNS looking over maps of the snowmobile trails in Crawford County.

County, Michigan is 70% state and owned land, and is can be used almost the sport of snowmobiling.

Winter Sports Pageant Feb. 10

The Queen's Pageant Committee of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce mailed on December 15th, invitations to various other communities to participate in the 43rd Annual Miss Michigan Winter Sports Pageant, to take place in Grayling during Winter Carnival Week—February 10-11, 1968.

1968 will also receive gifts from Marge's Beauty Shop, a trophy bow from the Bear Archery Company, an official Miss America crown, and a \$300.00 educational scholarship which has been made possible through the friends of the Pageant in Grayling and various other points in the State. The first runner-up will receive a \$50.00 educational scholarship. Official Miss America trophies will be presented to Miss Michigan Winter Sports 1968, the first runner-up, and a chance at the coveted trip to the Miss Michigan Pageant to take place during the week of June 18, 1968.

Aliens Must Report Address In January

Walter A. Sahli, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that aliens in the United States will be required to report their addresses to the Attorney General within the near future.

On hand to crown the new Miss Michigan Winter Sports will be last year's recipient, Miss Mary Louise Paxton of Traverse City. Mary Lou is attending Western Michigan University where she is a junior with a major in music. Mary Lou is also the first runner-up to Miss Michigan 1967.

Regional Development Unit Picks Officers at Thursday Meeting

The Grayling Regional Development Organization Thursday night elected officers and approved a constitution and operating by-laws.

The purpose of the organization, according to Welser, is to promote business for the Grayling area; bring in new business and industry; and help those already there who need help one way or another.



Christmastide Services

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve—8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Said); 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer; 7:30 p.m. Carol and Scripture Service.
Dec. 25: Christmas Day—8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Said).
Dec. 28: Holy Innocents Day—7:30 p.m. Holy Communion (New Liturgy).
Dec. 31—8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Said); 11 a.m. Holy Communion (Sung).

ST. MARY'S

Dec. 24—Midnight Christmas Eve Mass.
Dec. 25—Christmas Day 8:30 a.m. Mass and 10:30 a.m. Mass.
Confessions Dec. 20 — 7 to 8 p.m., Dec. 21, 22 and 23 — 4-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Dec. 24—Regular scheduled Sunday morning at 10 and 11 a.m.
Christmas Program for Sunday School—6 p.m.

FREDERIC CHURCH OF GOD

Dec. 22—Family picnic supper 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 24—Christmas Play, 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve service, 6:30 p.m.

MT. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec. 24—Festival and Worship Service 8 p.m. (Candlelight and Communion.)

MICHELSON MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Dec. 24—Festival of Christmas, music, Scripture and prayer, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Candlelight service 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FREDERIC

Dec. 25—Prayer service 11:30 to noon.
Dec. 24—Christmas Eve program, 7 p.m.

SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT

The following is reported by Sheriff Clough for last week's activities of the Sheriff's Department.

Arrested and having appeared before Justice of the Peace Olin Williamson are Leon Robert Snay of Grayling for furnishing to minors, fined \$100.00 and \$15.00 costs; Roger Dale Snay and William Henry Lawrence both of Grayling for minors in possession, fined each \$35.00 and \$15.00 costs. Two juvenile girls age 12 and 16 were turned over to Probate Court for minors in possession.

Investigations continued on several breakings and enterings and criminal complaints, answered two family complaints, three ambulance calls, delivered two emergency messages, assisted the Mio Sheriff on a blockade for a hit and run fatal, investigated two larceny complaints, assisted 10 motorists (stranded), checked over 70 business and residential properties in the County, worked traffic patrol in all townships, issued 30 driver licenses, eight persons were lodged in the County Jail with 184 meals served, several citations issued for traffic violations and many verbal warnings given for minor infractions, worked with City and State Police on several complaints, investigated 6 PI and PD accidents of which four were reported within three hours on Sunday afternoon due to the severe ice conditions on all County Roads. Again we caution you to drive according to road conditions.

MILITARY MAILBAG

Pvt. Mark F. Jurkovich, RA 16940735, Co. I Sch. Bde. USA-SCS, Fort Monmouth, N.J. 077-03.

Schools Close For Christmas

Grayling public schools and St. Mary's School will close at noon on Friday, Dec. 22 for the Christmas vacation, and reopen at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Bear Archery-Victor Merge

The Bear Archery Company, Grayling, Michigan, and Victor Comptometer Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, have agreed to merge on an exchange of stock basis. No cash would be involved.

Victor is a broadly based concern operating in the business machines, business forms, and recreational industries. It has annual sales of over \$125 million and is very soundly capitalized.

Victor's sporting goods activities include a major position in the golf industry, strong representation

in the air rifle and toy gun business through Daisy, and an established position in fishing tackle with Heddon. With the addition of Bear archery products to this fine line, Victor will become a more important factor in the sporting goods area.

As a division of Victor, the Bear Archery Company will continue to operate under present management policies. Victor's greater financial resources will enable Bear to more vigorously expand its leadership position in archery.

Burning of the Greens on Twelfth Night

Grayling will join the members of many communities in making the "Burning of the Greens" a community occasion. This ceremony had its origin in several ancient practices of lighting fires at the beginning of the Epiphany season, also known as the Little Christmas, or the Twelfth night after Christmas.

After the holidays discarded trees are collected in one area and while a variety of songs is sung the "pile of greens" is set afire by a torch. This effective flare of light is symbolic of Christ's coming as the Light of the World.

This ceremony is a tradition in many communities and is being sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Churches in cooperation with the City Fathers. It will be held Saturday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. Trees will be collected, so please save your tree for this occasion.

More information in next week's Avalanche.

New Vehicle Law Effective January 1st

The Michigan State Police wish to inform the motoring public that there is a new section of law coming into effect on January 1, 1968. This new section of law deals with outside rearview mirrors on motor vehicles and the law will require that all motor vehicles be equipped with an outside rearview mirror on the driver's side which shall be positioned to give the driver a rearviewing angle from the driver's side of the vehicle. In addition to this new requirement that all motor vehicles have a left hand mirror; all vehicles of 1/2 ton capacity or more must be equipped with 2 outside rearview mirrors, one on each side. These mirrors are only a help to you if you use them.

Hunters Take An Estimated 103,400 Deer

LANSING — Michigan's 1967 firearm deer season produced a legal harvest of an estimated 103,400 whitetails, 13 percent above last year's total, according to first survey results of the Conservation Department.

The preliminary kill estimate, up nearly 12,000 animals from 1966 and the sixth highest on the state's records, is based on deer counts made by the Department along major highways running north and south in Michigan.

A final, more refined estimate on the season's harvest will be made next spring from the Department's annual postcard survey of licensed hunters.

Results of the Department's traffic tallies indicate that hunters took 65,500 bucks this season, a somewhat better-than-average figure which stands about 6,000 animals above the 1966 total. Antlerless deer kill, meanwhile, rose to an estimated 37,900, also about 6,000 higher than a year ago.

By regions, hunter success fell pretty much in line with the Department's pre-season predictions.

In the Upper Peninsula, where state game men looked for the kill to be no better than last year because of winter deer losses, hunters took an estimated 23,700 whitetails. Their harvest of 14,700 bucks and 12,000 antlerless deer was down about 1,500 animals from 1966.

It was a different story for hunters in the northern Lower Peninsula who largely accounted for the statewide increase in kill. They took 84,800 deer—40,800 bucks and 24,000 antlerless animals—to top their 1966 total of 52,450.

No information is available at this point for estimating 1967 deer license sales and the season's hunter turnout.

NOTICE

Grayling City Hall will be closed all day Saturday, Dec. 23.

Lose At Harbor

Vikings Host East Jordan Tuesday, Rosecommon Thursday

After dropping a 76 to 68 ballgame to the Harbor Springs Rams last Friday night, the Grayling Vikings have their work cut out for them this week in order to get in the win column before the Christmas vacation break.

This Tuesday the East Jordan Red Devils invaded Vikingland, still smarting from a 95 to 49 defeat at the hands of the Charlevoix Raiders last Friday. The game is rated a toss-up.

On Thursday evening the Rosecommon Bucks come to Grayling, highly rated to score their second victory over the Vikings in the young season. The Bucks were defeated last Friday by only two points 65-63 by a real good Harrison five.

The Grayling - Harbor and Charlevoix - East Jordan games were the only ones played in the conference this past Friday as the "flu bug" cancelled out the Gaylord - Pellston and Manclona - Boyne City contests.

Scheduled for Tuesday night, Dec. 19 in other league games found Harbor Springs at Charlevoix and Boyne City at Pellston. The Gaylord - Manclona contest has already been cancelled because of the flu. The cancelled games will be made up at a later date.

Butch Hayes led Coach St. Germain's Vikings at Harbor with 22 points. Mike Smock with 16 and Vern Hartman with 13 were also in double figures. Others hitting the scoring column were Gerry St. Germain with 8, Tony Ellison 5, and Dave Bailey and Dale Papendick with 2 each. The Harbor Rams took all four quarters by slim margins. The first quarter ended 22-20, with the second going to the Rams 17-16, for a 39-36 halftime lead. The third and fourth were 20-16 and again 17-16. The Vikings were in the ballgame all the way, with 4-45 to go the score was 61-59, but the green and white just couldn't get the tying basket and fell farther behind.

The Rams were led by Steve Smith with 21 points, followed by Ted Bodzick with 19. Bodzick hit 7 out of 7 field goals and 2 of 2 free throws in the first half for the Rams.

The Vikings hit on 24 of 64 attempts from the field for a 37% average. They made 20 out of 28 from the charity lane, and were called for 20 personal fouls. The Rams hit at 44% pace making 28 of 59 field goals, they made 20 of 26 free throws and were called for 19 personal fouls.

Both Gerry St. Germain and Mark Smith were fighting the flu bug in the game with Harbor and were below par.

It was a bad evening all around as the Viking JV's also lost to the Little Rams by a score of 69 to 50.

Taking the first quarter 15 to 10, the Little Rams roared back and outscored the little Vikings 30-9 to hold a 40-24 halftime lead. They added an 11-11 third period advantage with Grayling taking

the final quarter 15-11. Coach Frank Smith had only one player in double figures as Tim Mead scored 12 points. Others making the scoring column included Brad Scheer and Jim Corlew with 8 each, Mike Kurcharek and Max Tobin with 6, Dave Holmes had 4 with Hal Leas and Murray Babbitt 3 each.

Three players hit the double figures for the Harbor JV's as Mike Fowler had 19, followed by Jack Murchie with 16 and Mark Allarding with 12. Grayling hit on 15 field goals while making 20 of 36 attempts from the free throw lane. They were called for 18 personal fouls. The Little Rams made good on 27 from the field and had 15 of 23 charity tosses, they were whistled for 25 fouls.

SIXTY ENJOY SENIOR CITIZENS' POTLUCK

A potluck supper and Christmas party for Senior Citizens was held at the Ausagra Acres Community room, Tuesday, December 12 at 6 p.m. There were 60 present. Pointsettia name tags were given to guests as they entered. June Feldhauser played the piano and Christmas Carols were sung. Gifts were brought for exchange. Santa Claus arrived at 7:30 and handed out the presents.

Shirley Arnold, President then made a presentation. Everybody introduced themselves. Dale LaGarie, OneCap Director reported on mileage money for transportation. Lora Gould asked if they wanted to use the Community room as a drop-in center a couple days a week. It was decided to try Tuesday afternoons 1-5 and Thursday evenings from 7-10.

The next meeting will be a potluck supper on January 9th at the Ausagra Acres Community room at 6 p.m. Suggestions for recreation wanted.

Wilma Case, OneCap Outreach Worker

LIBRARY NEWS

Crawford County Library wishes to remind you that several LP records of Christmas music are available for the holiday season for your listening pleasure. "The Glorious Sound of Christmas," "Wishing You a Merry Christmas," Handel's "Messiah," "The Great Songs of Christmas," as well as the popular "Nutcracker Suite" are among the well-known selections available.

W. F. Truettner Dies Dec. 15th

Walter Frederick Truettner, age 86, died Friday, December 15th at Mercy Hospital in Grayling. He was born July 24th, 1881 in Dundas, Wisconsin, the son of Louis and Mary Truettner. His father built, owned and operated one of the best-known merchandizing houses in northern Michigan which he opened in 1885. Mr. Truettner started his banking career in Bessemer, Michigan in 1899 after attending Oberlin College in Ohio. A great deal of his time was devoted to public service. He was alderman of Bessemer for 3 years and represented it on the Board of Supervisors of Gogebic County for 6 years, 3 of these as Chairman of the Board. He was a member of the Board of Education from 1907 to 1927, the last 3 as president. He helped organize and was the first president of the Rotary Club of Bessemer. He represented the 5 counties of the 31st district as state senator in the 1923-25-27 legislature. During this time he made important contributions as a member of the finance and appropriations committee, the banks and corporation committee and the conservation committee.



In 1927 he left his position as president of the National Bank of Bessemer to move to Detroit to vision of the old First National Bank, which he did so successfully that when the National Bank of Detroit was organized in 1933, he was appointed to the same position and later to vice-president, a position he held for 14 years. In 1937 he was elected president of the Michigan Bankers Association, the highest office within the power of the state bankers to bestow, having previously served as 1st vice-president in 1935 and 2nd vice-president in 1937. During this time he served on the Board of Governors of the American Banking Association, was a member of the State and Federal Legislative Committee and was a member of the Executive Council.

HELP

Many hands are necessary to make a promotion of this size a real success. We urge any of you who would like to serve on the Queen's Pageant Committee to do so by contacting either the Chamber of Commerce office, Mrs. Earl Longworth, or Mrs. William Kraus. We need you, so please contact us.

Notice to Fishermen. New This Year !!!

Ice shanties, houses and shelters — structures and shelters placed or used on ice must be identified on all sides with the owners name and address in waterproof letters not less than two inches high and must be removed before ice becomes unsafe. Page 11 rules for fishing in Michigan.

Russell Wright Conservation Officer

IN MEMORIAM
In memory of my beloved mother, Augusta Ziebell, who left us two years ago December 21st. The rose still grows beyond the wall. Though now it's lost to view. Behind the clouds that hang so low. The sun still lights the blue. And back of all the shadows, You know that it is true. The thoughts of those who understand.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank Mrs. Henig and Blaha, the nurses and personnel of Mercy Hospital for their care while I was a patient. Thanks to friends also for their cards and flowers.
Mrs. Dan Hoessli

MUSIC RECITAL HELD DEC. 10th

Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser presented her music pupils in their annual recital Sunday evening, December 10th, at the Grayling Elementary School Multipurpose Room. Students participating were as follows:
Kathy Minor, piano, beginners' arrangement "Away in a Manger;" Ronnie Hall, guitar, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas;" Stuart Fowler, piano, beginners' arr. "I Saw Three Ships;" Steve Walker, guitar "Chord Waltz;" and "Small Etude;" Theresa Golinick, piano, beginners' arr. "Silent Night;" Jim Shirley, guitar "O Little Town of Bethlehem;" Dianne Meak, piano "Old MacDonald;" Debbie Babbitt, piano b.a., "The Scissors Grinder;" Wayne and Clare LaChappelle, guitars, "Jingle Bells;" Susan Meak, piano, "Swans on the Lake;" Grace Fitzpatrick, piano b.a. "White Christmas;" Jackie Hull, piano "Up on the Housetop;" Leesa Trudgeon, guitar, "Angels From the Realms of Glory;" and "O My Darling Clementine;" Gregory Smith, piano "Silent Night;" Randy Reed, guitar rhythm; Margaret Muth, guitar, "Billie Boy;" Gail Fowler, piano, "Away in a Manger;" Rick-e-y Gould, guitar rhythm "She;" Mitchell Millikin "Piano Suite;" and guitar "We Wish You a Merry Christmas;" Matilda Sorenson, piano "Puppets on Parade."

Ann Haskel, piano "O Come Immanuel;" Iva Jean Gallagher, piano Schubert's "Serenade;" Mary Liz McNamara, piano "Christmas Fantasy;" and vocal "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen;" Don Messenheimer, John Sorenson, Chris Centry, guitar drum group; Bill Gould, guitar melody and chord; "I Left My Heart in San Francisco;" and "Yesterday;" Deyanne Gibson, guitar vocal "Turn Around, Turn Around;" and "You Can't Grow Peaches on a Cherry Tree;" Kerry Palmer, guitar "Alabama Jubilee;" Mrs. Bernard Fowler, vocal "O Holy Night;" and Howard Madsen, guitar, "Buckaroo;" and "Johnny Cash." Deyanne Gibson was awarded a treble clef pin for her work through the high school years. Lunch and a social hour concluded the evening.

CHRISTMAS THEMES

Following is a group of themes written by Mrs. Roy Milnes' Eighth Grade students:

THOUGHTS AT CHRISTMAS

By Douglas Amiller
When I think of Christmas I find it hard to think. Know why? Everyone is too busy hinting about what they want.

Suppose you are trying to think. You are sitting in a chair thinking. Mom is on the other side of the room knitting. In comes Sis. Sis (looking slyly at you) "Say Mom, did you know that the dime store had a groovy new perfume called 'Essence of Dead Kish'?"

Your stomach does a slow flip-flop as you imagine your girlfriend wearing that. You go upstairs to concentrate.

As you lie on your bed Mom's voice comes through the floor. Mom, to Dad: "Say, honey, did you know that the new furniture store has mink doorknob covers for only \$175.00 each?" Dad (with shock, surprise and anger) "ONLY?!" You say in your mind that mother will not get mink doorknob covers.

As you lean back Sis begins to talk on the phone. Sis (into the phone) "No, Sue, I don't think he got the hint, you'd better hint again."

So you decide to go to the attic.

As you reach the top of the stairs you bump the family Bible, causing a dust storm. You: "Holy cow! Where'd all the dust come from?" As you look you see the Bible. You: "Good grief, I haven't seen that since Dad got it out when the bank started to fail with all our money in it." You pick it up and open it. Your glance falls on the Luke II You: "Holy cow! That's the Christmas story."

As you read you become more attentive to it. You (beginning to read aloud): "... and the angel said unto them: 'fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.'"

You begin to realize that Christmas was a time when we got a gift that no one could equal with their gifts. We received a Saviour who can help us in our daily life.

"CHRISTMAS, HAS IT REALLY CHANGED?"

By Sam Mead

Well to tell you the truth, yes I think it really has changed. It's changed in so many ways in the last twenty years.

When my mother was little she said she never had a Christmas like we do today. Her father never went out and saved a lot of money just to buy a lot of gifts. Every year mom used to hang up her stockings and hope for it to be filled. Kids nowadays want to get lots and lots of toys and most of them do.

Everybody should remember what Christmas is really about. Most everyone thinks it's just a day when everyone is busy traveling 'round and 'round looking under a tree to see what they can open and what they find inside. This is absolutely wrong, dead wrong.

It is a day that is very important to us because of what happened many years ago in Bethlehem. Do you remember? Well if you don't you should be ashamed. It's the day a baby was born, and a very important one too. That baby was our Lord Jesus Christ.

Just yesterday I stopped and sat down to think about Christmas, and asked myself if it is commercialized, and I came up with "yes."

CHRISTMAS

By Vicki Anthony

People begin to prepare for Christmas weeks before the day arrives. They make or buy gifts and wrap them with bright paper and gay ribbons. They send Christmas greeting cards and gift packages to friends and relatives.

Some practice in church choirs or rehearse Christmas plays. Women and girls bustle about their kitchens preparing cakes, cookies and all kinds of candies and sweets. The whole family joins in putting up a Christmas tree and decorating the home with wreaths of holly, evergreens, and mistletoe.

Families traditionally gather at Christmas time to exchange gifts and share their happiness. Christians attend church on Christmas morning to show their reverence for the holy meaning of the holiday.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

By Bob Trudeau

A few days before Christmas the Jones' home was very busy buying and wrapping presents. The tree was decorated with colored lights that blinked on and off and colored balls that always had a habit of breaking when little Sally helped decorate. There wasinsel and angel hair to top it off but the big gold star on top made the tree.

And then came Christmas Eve and all the presents were under the tree except the ones Santa would bring while they slept. The presents had all been shook, smelled and wandered upon by Bill, Sue and little Sally.

During the night Santa came and left a teddy bear for Sally, a football for Bill, and a doll for Sue. After Santa had wished the presents good luck, or rather paid his last respects, he left in his sleigh, but he left in a very untraditional manner since they had an electric furnace instead of a fireplace.

After about an hour a stuffed horse came to visit the new arrivals. He was the last survivor from last Christmas. He had been patched many times but still had a large three-cornered tear which was losing the stuffing and one leg was missing. He told them some good hiding places which had saved him this long. One whole year for a toy at the Jones was quite extraordinary.

Then dawn broke and the children came running to open their presents. Once the gifts were opened they were put to immediate use. Bill's football was kicked repeatedly in the midsection until it vomited all its air, but it was pumped up and kicked some more.

Sue's doll was loved to death and Sally's bear was thrown around by the ear until it fell off. And so began a year of torture for the Christmas presents.

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Bits O' Talk

Myron Burrows has received his diploma from the School of Modern Photography in Little Falls, N.J.

The "Jolly Gals" enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Fern Akers on Monday night, the 11th. Buncos was played with high and low prizes going to Mrs. Grace Andrews and Mrs. Earl Nelson, respectively. A gift exchange and revealing Secret Pals for 1967 was followed by a most delicious lunch served by the hostess.

Grayling Radio and TV will be closed December 26 through January 1st, and will reopen January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ames attended the Christmas Party at the State Home in Gaylord last Friday evening. Ames is a member of the band that played there.

Pre-Inventory Sale at Weavers Gift Shop. Closing for the season after Christmas.

Lloyd Theisen and friend John Werm of Traverse City were last Monday night callers on Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ames.

Rosalynne Johnston and Mary Cecil left Sunday for Detroit.

O.E.S. NEWS

Grayling Chapter No. 83 O.E.S. has been very busy the last couple months. The November meeting was opened by installing several officers not present at our installation in October. Junior Past Matron was presented East and gave the Grand Chapter report describing the beautiful colors and formations formed at the meeting in Grand Rapids in October. Upon completion of business the members retired to the dining room where they enjoyed salad, crackers and coffee served by the lunch committee, chairmanned by Jean Arnold.

On November 11 dinner was served to the Masons and their guests prior to their Degree work.

On November 29th Grayling Chapter was host to a Line Officers' School of Instruction. Thirty-nine Chapters were represented from all over northern Michigan. There were over 200 people present for this meeting. The Line Officers of Grand Chapter were present for this meeting and were the presiding officers. Worthy Grand Matron Blythe Parks, Worthy Grand Patron Robert Reighard, Associate Grand Patron Lucille Koken, Associate Grand Patron John Scherf, Grand Conductress DeLores Blackburn, Grand Conductress Sara Arnold. Several other Grand Officers and committee people were present and helping, including Emma Nestle Grand Electa, Elizabeth McArthur Hands Committee, and Larine Scher.

At the close of this meeting the members retired to the dining room where cookies and coffee were enjoyed by all, headed by Helma Post and her committee.

The December meeting was held on the 6th and very well attended. After the business meeting we retired to the dining room where the Christmas party was held. June Feldhauser was in charge of the entertainment. She presented Mary Liz McNamara, who played a Christmas selection on the piano and sang "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" accompanied by Sister June at the piano. Deanne Gibson sang and played on her guitar the tune "Round and Round" and "You Can't Grow Peaches on a Cherry Tree." Their music was enjoyed by all. After this a lunch was served by a committee headed by Marilyn Flick. The Christmas tree and gift exchange was then enjoyed.

On December 11th Grayling was host to Roscommon Chapter Fidelity No. 50 at a School of Instruction. About 30 officers and members were present. Instructor was Emma Nestle Grand Electa from Mancelona. Retiring to the dining room cake and coffee were served by Ruth Caid and her committee.

On December 16th we served dinner to our Masonic Brothers prior to their installation when Donald Sorenson was installed as Worshipful Master.

where they will be spending the holidays.

Karen Anthony who is a student at Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids came home last Friday to spend

2 Crawford County Ave. Thursday, December 21

Christmas with her parents and Mrs. Clyde Anthony.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

IS THE WISH TO ALL THE FOLKS IN CRAWFORD COUNTY FROM THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE NEW

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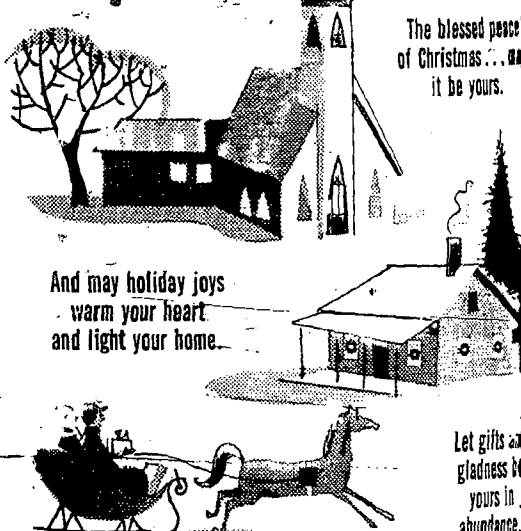
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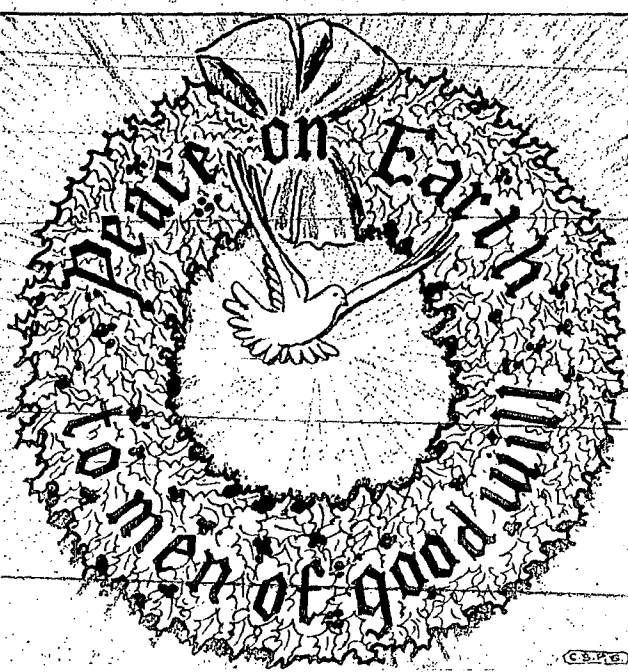
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CHRISTMAS

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and sounds tell us that Christmas is near. The evergreen in doorways and windows, the Christmas cards and the sound of the postman at the street corner, the aroma of the kitchen, the sound of music wherever we go; these are the things that tell us that Christmas is near. We must see Christmas through our eyes, as the birthday of Christ, marks the day of mankind's greatest heritage. This heritage, in the life and death of Christ upon earth, is a perspective with unassuming dignity and a realization that God has bestowed upon the inalienable right to merit eternal salvation. It is this heritage that despots, dictators and tyrants have come and gone for generations, and have attacked, oppressed and persecuted the people of Christmas. Its simple truth has held strong in the hearts and the minds of mankind. The miracle of Christmas is the world's one, single influence, the simple affirmation of man's and dignity. Up your heart and mind — and see the miracle.



Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVANCE OF 23 YEAR AGO

Dec. 21, 1914

Announcement was made Saturday by Robert M. Hayes of the lease of his business, the Hayes Oil Company to Clarence H. Thompson of Grayling. Thompson is well known in Grayling and vicinity, having been born and raised in Maple Forest. He has lived in Kalkaska and Detroit moving back to Grayling about a year ago.

The Harold Hatfields have received one Christmas present early. Their son Hazen, 51-c is home from Africa till January 5th at which time he will report to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. It has been 10 months since Hazen was last home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson, Mrs. Carl Johnson and Mrs. Emil Geigling spent Thursday in Traverse City.

One ice skating rink is ready and another is contemplated if the weather holds, according to City Manager George Granger. The one rink that is already in shape is a 100 by 150 foot rectangle located on the city property at the east end of Ionia Street. The rink was first flooded on Sunday night and the low temperature that night set the ice in very good shape. It was flooded again on Monday night. The city is planning on setting up another ice rink somewhere on the southside of the river, Granger said. No definite spot has been picked out as yet. The Ionia Street rink is but four inches deep and frozen solid. The worry of breaking through and being really dampened down in the below zero weather need not bother anyone, even a feller's mother while he's skating on the City's new ice rink.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson announce the marriage of their daughter, Virginia to Edward W. Martin, E.M. 3-c, U.S. Navy on December 17th. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Martin, and has just returned from duty overseas. The quiet rites took place at the home of the bride's parents before members of the immediate families. The couple then left on a short trip. They will return to Grayling for Christmas, leaving soon after for Rhode Island, where Martin is to be stationed. Mrs. Martin will return in January to resume her teaching duties at Alma High School. December 17 also marks the Silver Wedding Anniversary of the groom's parents.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the North-Central Counties District of the Michigan Medical Society was held last night at Zuel's Tavern here with 10 doctors in attendance. This district comprises 7 other counties besides Crawford being the largest in the state. Dr. George A. Drescher of Lewiston was elected president and Dr. C. G. Clippert of Grayling was named vice-president. Dr. Stanley A. Stealy of Grayling was re-elected to the office of secretary-treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Neil Morris of South Bend, Ind., announce the birth of a son, William Neil Morris Jr., on December 12. Mrs. Morris is the grand-

daughter of Mrs. Herbert Wolff of New York and Lake Marquette.

Louis Kraus is home from Assumption College in Windsor to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus.

The Christmas season finds Billyann Clippert home from Kingswood to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson returned Saturday after spending some time in Detroit. She called on her daughter and family, the Richard Sniders of Saginaw, on her return trip.

Patricia Roberts arrived Friday from Sparrow Hospital, Lansing to spend two weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Glen Day and Virginia and Bea Papendick spent Monday and Tuesday in Petoskey visiting Mrs. Day's sister and family the Harold Smiths.

Gerald Hodge of the U.S. Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hodge formerly of Grayling and now of Highland Park has arrived from overseas and is in the Oakland, Calif. Naval Hospital. He is expected home soon. Gerald has seen action at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Tarawa and New Guinea.

Robert Jensen is home visiting his parents, the William Jensens of South Branch, after completing his boot training. Robert's sister, Martha, is also home from Sparrow Hospital, Lansing.

Word has been received that Lieut. and Mrs. Al Fulvio of Upper Darby, Penn. have a brand new baby daughter, Jerilyn. Mrs. Fulvio is the former Monica Hewitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Alma and family have moved to the home of the latter's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Weaver in Frederic.

Carol Denise Lodge of Frederic was seven years old on December 13, so 17 of her little friends helped her celebrate after school. Her teacher, Miss Dorothy Meents was also present. After many games, a dainty lunch of fruit jello, sandwiches and two lovely birthday cakes. Carol received a lot of nice gifts and many wishes for more happy birthdays.

46 YEARS AGO — Dec. 22, 1921

Over 160 invitations have been sent out by the Knights of Pythias to children between the ages of 5 and 12 to be their guests at a Christmas festival dinner to be held between the hours of 4 and 6. The dinner will be served in the dining room of the Michelson Memorial Church. Of course, after the dinner Santa Claus will put in his appearance with a present for each and every child.

Emerson Bates is expected home to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates. Emerson is attending West Point Military Academy. Mrs. Hyman Joseph and Miss Margaret expect to leave tomorrow for Milwaukee to spend the holidays at the Harry Fredman home. Mrs. Fredman and children who are spending the winter here left for their home Wednesday to remain over the holidays.

Middle LaMotte lost the first and second and part of his index fingers when his hand was caught in a gear on a machine at the Salling Hanson Co. mill.

The heaviest snowfall for many years occurred here Friday afternoon. The snow was very wet and clung to the trees and wires.

Crawford County Avalanche

It was a beautiful sight, but not so rosy for the line companies as many wires were broken by the weight of the snow. The ground was covered with about two feet and made excellent sleighing and good working for the logging companies.

Henry Stephan Jr., 13-year-old lad who accidentally shot himself a couple of weeks ago is much improved, Mercy Hospital attendants say. He will be removed to the home of his sister, Mrs. Kingley, the latter part of the week.

Obituaries

Services Held For Train-Car Victim

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock on Saturday December 11, 1937 for Steven Louis Taylor, 16, at St. Michael's Church in Roscommon, with the Rev. Fr. John Hoogterp officiating. Burial was in Gerrish Township Cemetery. Steven was killed in a car-train accident Wednesday, December 13, in downtown Roscommon when he drove his car in front of an approaching 12-car New York Central freight at 8:35 a.m. as he was on his way to school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Taylor of 1180 Tisdale, Roscommon.

Surviving besides his parents are four brothers, Tom, Robert, Douglas and Gary, and four sisters, Mary, Karen, Margaret and Sara, all at home, also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Huizen, all of Allegan.

Homsters 4-H Sewing Club By Susie Kersch

On Wednesday at six o'clock we go to the home of Laura Konvicka (our leader) to have our meetings.

We are still working on our aprons and sewed our hot mitts. We are learning to embroider.

So far there are four members: Vicky Miller, Judy Konvicka, Nancy Miller and myself, Susie Kersch. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

LAST MINUTE

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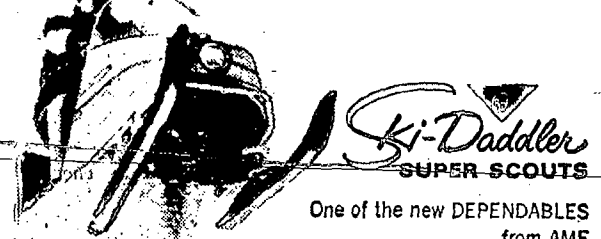
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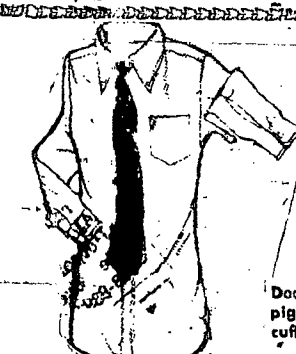
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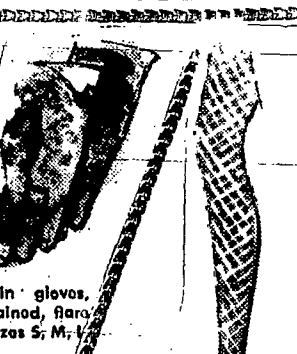
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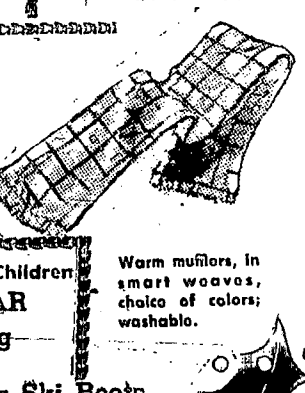
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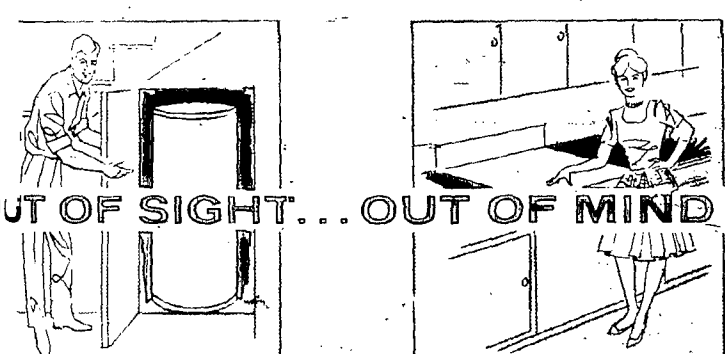


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FOR RENT — Five bedroom modern home, 2 1/2 bath, two car garage, family room, finished basement and patio. Responsible party only. Phone 348-3256 or see Duane Sloan, Camp Grayling. 21-28

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FOR SALE — Hide-A-Bed sofa, phone 348-4737. Robert McClain after 5 p.m. 21

GIRL SCOUTING

Girl Scout Neighborhood meeting was held Monday, December 11, 1967, at 7:30 p.m., at Michigan Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rauch has agreed to become Neighborhood Chairman until the term expires, April, 1969. She can appoint her own service team.

Mrs. Rauch gave a report on the Field Meeting that she and Mrs. Junttila attended in Ossineke on November 29. Grayling is to host the Field Meeting on February 28, 1968.

We discussed the Girl Scout Fair to be held in Alpena on February 24. One troop is participating and using Japan as their theme. We are hoping to have others from Grayling participating in the Fair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Mrs. Kay Ellen Junttila

Letters To The Editor
Grayling, Mich.
December 15, 1967
The Editor,
Crawford County Avalanche,
Grayling, Michigan, 49738.
Dear Sir:

The letter submitted to you by "A Disgusted Taxpayer" and published in your December 14th issue of the Avalanche should be read, and the truth of it digested by all taxpayers within Crawford County.

What confidence can the taxpayers place in a City Council and the comedy of their refusing the issuance of a building permit to a property owner, to re-build after years of occupancy on, I presume, his own property, when all around are businesses which have been established in the same area for years. By what stretch of the imagination should such a matter have been considered in the first place.

What confidence can be placed in our County Officials, and the tragedy of their action in apparently feeling that the voters, who elected them in the first place, could not apparently be permitted, or trusted, to vote on the \$800,000 bond issue for a new County building. Why the propensity to hide these matters, instead of publishing the issues (Yoh Company etc.)

Primarily I do not feel that the real concern lies with building permits, if plain common sense prevails, but we are concerned for the future of ourselves, and our children, in the continuing rise in the cost of living, the devaluation of our money, and the ever rising Government, State and Local (County and City) taxes.

Wake up! There is a real and urgent need for all of us to concern and assert ourselves in these matters, and elect competent people to office. If not, AuSagra Acres' better plan now for a huge development for low income families. We are headed that way if we decide to give up because of denied jurisdiction in

Beaver Creek Breezes

By Margaret Griffith and Bonnie Helsel

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Durfee, Cal-Hawley, Connie and Debbie left last Saturday for Kentucky to bring Dave Durfee who is stationed at Fort-Knox, home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Galloway were up to spend the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Elma Galloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robideau and family spent the weekend in Omer with the girls' folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Rood. They were there to spend an early Christmas with them.

Carol Galloway is home from Flint to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Elma Galloway.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and many thanks for the help this past year for news. Let's make next year even better.

Glad to see Chet Hawley back home. He will be going back to the hospital sometime in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Derkin of Royal Oak are sponsoring a radio broadcast from Houghton Lake. They hope folks will enjoy it and let them know. The children in Beaver Creek enjoyed their Sunday School on Millikin Lane this summer.

See Smock and Son, Watchmakers for all new Elgins-Crotons, Gerald Pirreux and Atlantic Watches. Also have several used watches to be sold for service charges. 21

The Roy Millikins have real nice Christmas decorations out. Wish more people would.

The Victor Rices and Margaret Griffith were in Lansing visiting Margaret's mother who is ill.

Jim Pelton is home from the hospital — glad to see you around Jim.

Happy birthday to all in December, also happy anniversary to those I missed!

Thanks for the servicemen's addresses. I got a lovely card from one of our boys in England and a few others. They really enjoy it.

The Harold Helsels left for Flint Friday. Spent their time at Mt. Morris mixing business and shopping.

Maple Forest

By Mrs. Arthur Howse

Mrs. David Babbitt drove to East Jordan last week to call on Shirley Petrie and family.

Chet Lozon returned from Munson Hospital in Traverse City last Thursday after being there several days for observation.

The Maple Forest Study Club had their Christmas party at the farm home of Misses Bessie and Dora Feldhauser. The next meeting will be Jan. 16th with Martha Peterson.

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Ed Feldhauser Jr., of Ritter, Oregon arrived Monday for an indefinite visit with his father, Ed Feldhauser Sr. and family and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Huskins (Emma Jean Lozon) of Bay City announce the arrival of a baby daughter born December 3. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lozon are the grandparents.

Frederic News
By Mrs. Abbie Madill

Mr. and Mrs. George Lodge were in Saginaw shopping for the weekend, and also called on Bill Leng at the hospital.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arvie Cox on the arrival of their daughter.

The firemen have finished trimming the Community tree in the park and it is beautiful.

Mrs. Abbie Madill received word last week of the death on Monday of her cousin, the Rev. Fr. Clarence Doherty, who was pastor of St. Patrick's church in Wyandotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Leng of Frederic and Fred Leng of Grayling visited the William Lengs in Saginaw Sunday. They found William Leng somewhat improved at St. Mary's Hospital.

Frederic Women's Club held their annual Christmas dinner last Thursday evening. Some were unable to attend because of illness. Following dinner songs were sung and gifts were exchanged. It was a nice party for all who attended.

See Smock and Son, Watchmakers for all new Elgins-Crotons, Gerald Pirreux and Atlantic Watches. Also have several used watches to be sold for service charges. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Barber left Dec. 7 and are spending until March at Silver Springs, Florida.

The Leo Gannons of Marquette are at their Frederic home until after Christmas.

A big thanks to our firemen for again remembering the children with gifts.

Know Your COOR



Many people have a misconception of the nature of the Intermediate School District. The Intermediate School District does not build or operate schools, and "intermediate" does not refer to grades 4, 5, and 6.

In 1962, the Intermediate District replaced the office of County School Superintendent. In 1965 the COOR Intermediate School District was formed by combining the Intermediate School Districts of Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon Counties into one.

The COOR Intermediate School District has by law the responsibility for many administrative tasks. Examples of these are child-accounting, transportation reports, school lunch reports, and financial reports. Another responsibility touching a number of citizens is the handling of property transfers. The Intermediate Board of Education must approve or disapprove any request made by a resident property owner to transfer his property from one school district to another.

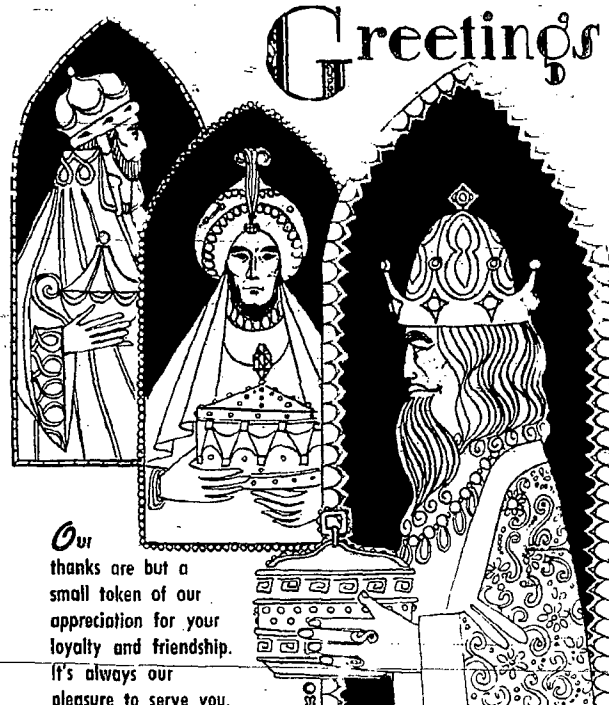
The COOR Intermediate School District is also responsible for providing many specialized services which local school districts by themselves find impossible or impractical to provide. Examples of these are: special education (speech therapy, diagnostics, and the operation of the Harcourt School are present programs, as is the School Social Work Service), special consultative services, and the operation of the Pentaco Instructional Media Center. Other programs are presently being developed, and will be in the future, in cooperation with local school districts as the need arises.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to Doctors Dosch, Blaha, Henig and Keiler, the Sisters of Mercy, my fellow-workers and friends for their helpfulness to my children and their thoughtfulness to me during my recent hospital stay.
Eleanor Filley

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to Doctors Blaha and Dosch, the sisters and entire staff for the wonderful care I received at Mercy Hospital. Thanks also to my friends for their visits, cards, flowers and gifts.
Jeanie Kelly



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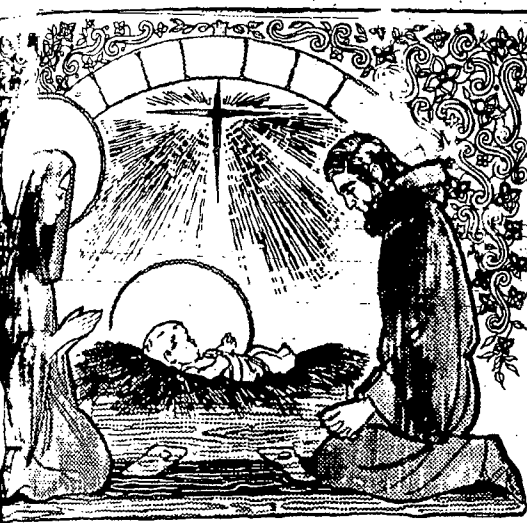
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Santa is busy spreading Christmas cheer, and once again it's our time to thank friends and customers for their loyal patronage.

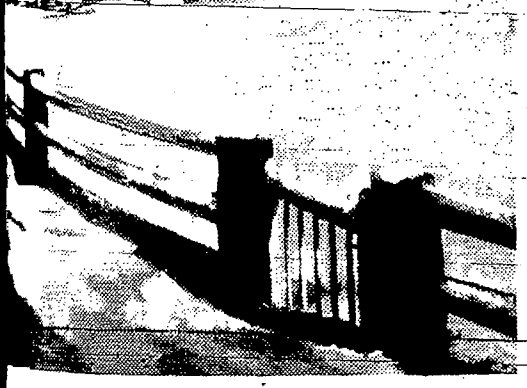
MOERL'S Decorating Shop



Silent Night

At this joyous season, we extend our warmest greetings to you, hoping all calm, all is bright as on that Holy Night long ago. May all the blessings of Christmas be yours.

CHARLES FICK
STANDARD OIL AGENT



Merry Christmas

In the snowy hush of a winter landscape, a church steeple seeks the sky
... and we see the quiet contentment of Christmas, spreading its joys everywhere. That your joys be many, is our holiday wish for our valued friends and customers.

SPIKE'S KEG O' NAILS
Lon and Marg Qualls



FAITHFUL TO THE SPIRIT OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS is "The Nativity," by the Florentine painter Mariotto Albertinelli (1474-1515). The simple scene presents the Christ Child, with Mary and Joseph, in a realistic setting, and background detail suggests a hillside manger, typical of the rocky caves which were used for stables in Bethlehem. Painting is in the Uffizi Gallery, in Florence, Italy.

Christians Celebrate Holiday With Joy and Prayer

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

In church services this Christmas season, Christians everywhere gather to commemorate the miracle of a holy night nearly 2,000 years ago. The message of Christmas lives anew—in candlelight and carols, in pageants and prayers.

Joyfully, the happiness of Christmas finds expression in music and song. Choirs sing the praises of the Babe of Bethlehem, and sacred hymns and carols reflect the spirit of rejoicing. Even as the herald angels sang to shepherds long ago, so now exultant voices join in proclaiming the Birth of Christ, with "on earth peace, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

Along with the joyous exultation, there is a spirit of thankful humility in celebration of this holy day. In both church and private devotions, Christians ponder anew the word of the Christmas story, as it was told by two of His disciples, Matthew and Luke. It is read and re-read, remembered and reflected upon. And it is beheld, symbolically, in Nativity scenes that, by treasured tradition, recreate the manger of His birth.

Prayerfully, each congregation and each individual celebrates Christmas, keeping always in memory that the glory of His coming was first revealed to humble shepherds, and that the Holy Child was born in a simple manger. Worshipers give thanks to God, for the Miracle and its meaning.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

The Wise Men, says St. Matthew, followed a Star to seek and find the Babe of Bethlehem. Their joy at beholding Him, and their precious gifts in homage, express much of the wonder and majesty of the Christmas story, as it is envisioned today. Yet in those gifts was a prophecy, a poignant reminder of the sacred solemnity, the highest meaning of Christmas.

Gold was a precious treasure, fitting gift for the newborn King. Frankincense, an ingredient of incense, expressed the legendary belief that "incense owns a deity nigh."

The third gift was in sad token of great sorrow to come. Myrrh, used by the ancients in funeral rites, symbolized Christ's own supreme gift of life and foretold His death upon the Cross.

At the manger, there was the shadow of Calvary. Thus Christmas is celebrated, joyfully, prayerfully, solemnly, with dedication to its sacred meaning: The Child born in a manger was the Son of God, destined to take up the burdens of mankind and bear them to the Cross, where He died that the spirit of man might live forever.

Christ Is Born



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

As the peace and joy of the first Christmas shines across the years, we wish bountiful blessings for you and yours. And to you, our sincere thanks for your patronage and good will.

TIP TOP TOGS
We will be closed from 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23 until Tuesday morning, Jan. 2.

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CHRISTMAS PRAYER

St. Francis of Assisi is credited with making popular the Christmas Nativity scene. He is also author of a prayer inspired by the Christmas spirit:

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born in Eternal Life."

Going "Mumming"

"Mumming" is a Yule custom that originated in early England. Mummers, masked and in costume, silently enacted ritual plays about the death of winter and the old year.

The custom still survives in some parts of the world, although the plays are no longer performed. Today mummers usually entertain with dancing and instrumental music. They are rewarded with treats.



GREETINGS

"We three kings of Orient are, Bearing Gifts we traverse afar." As the holiday songs fill the air, we'd like to add our cheerful note: Good wishes to you and your family, and hearty thanks for your loyal patronage.

H. G. Jarmin, General Insurance



Christmas is here!
We're sending our warmest wishes to you and your family for a very, merry Christmas! Thank you for your patronage.

G. R. HOLCOMB
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE

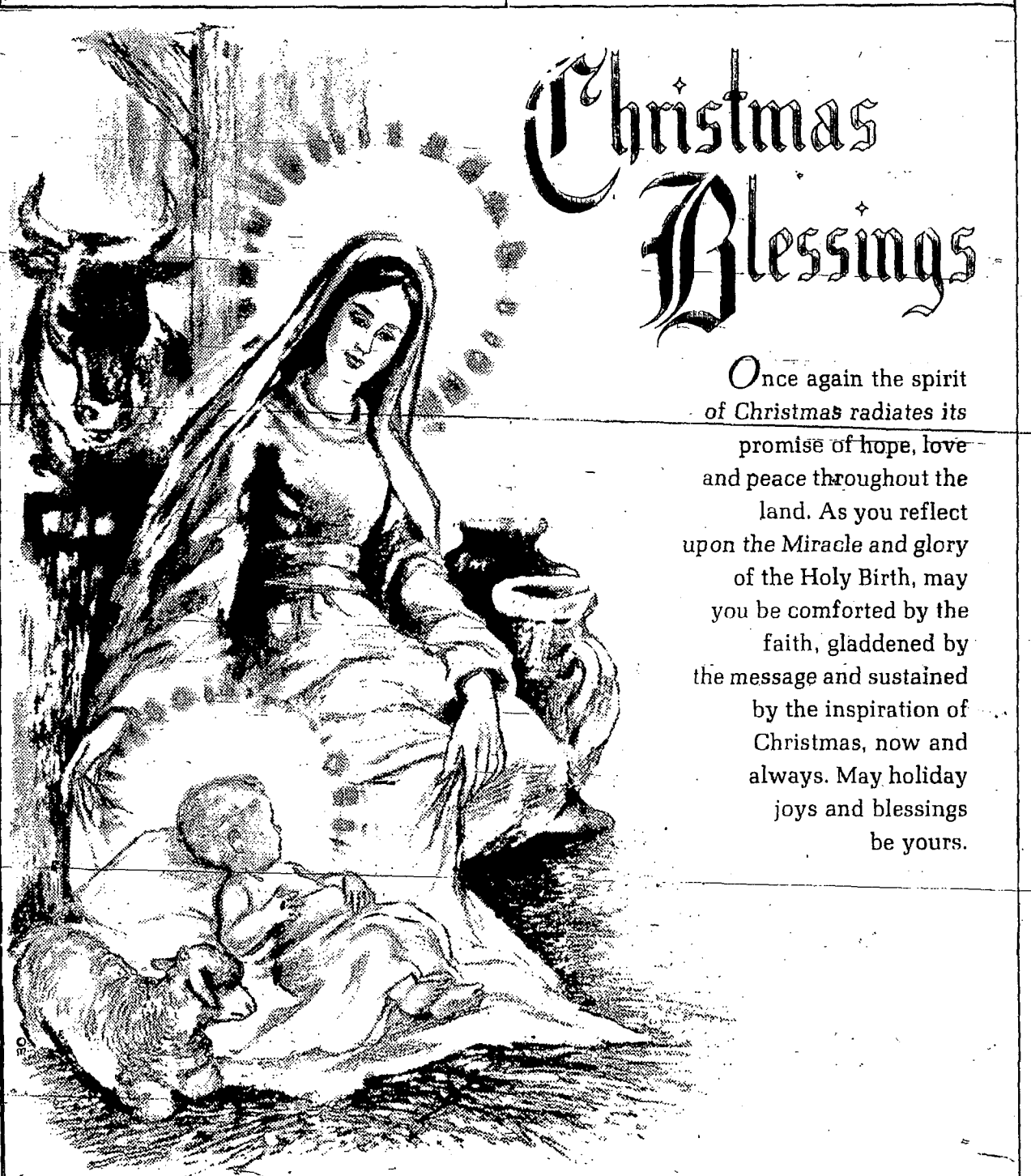
GREETINGS

Times change... but the warmth of the Christmas spirit lives on forever. Enduring, too, is the gratitude we feel for the privilege of serving our fine customers.

May your Holidays be happy

DAVIS GROCERY
FREDERIC

Christmas Blessings



Once again the spirit of Christmas radiates its promise of hope, love and peace throughout the land. As you reflect upon the Miracle and glory of the Holy Birth, may you be comforted by the faith, gladdened by the message and sustained by the inspiration of Christmas, now and always. May holiday joys and blessings be yours.

McEVERS MOTOR SALES, Inc., 600 Cedar St.



Sing out in
happiness
with the
carolers
and spread
the Yuletide
spirit!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

MARGE'S
BEAUTY SALON

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Toys Bring Ageless Delight

Modern Marvels Have Their Rivals In Wondrous Playthings of Past

By ANNA MANG

Under the Christmas tree of today, the walking doll struts, the baby doll cries and takes her bottle, the fashion doll displays her wardrobe and the talking doll shows off her vocabulary. Side by side with the dolls are toys equally fabulous. The model train winds its way through a realistic model town, while electrically-powered miniature racing cars execute exciting maneuvers along intricate stretches of track. Milk trucks, fire trucks, police patrol cars and a myriad wheel toys come equipped with "real life" features.

Recent years have brought great changes in the variety and intricacy of dolls and toys—so much so that even young parents, not many years removed from "waiting for Santa" themselves, now find their children's Christmas playthings beyond their experience.

What About Toys of Yesteryear?

One toy manufacturer, it is said, includes these instructions with "to be assembled" toys: "Caution: Adults, hands off! This toy can be assembled only by a child."

If Christmas doll-and-toyland is a strange and wondrous place for the not-so-oldest of today, how would it have seemed to the child of yesterday? Would a little boy or girl of the 1880's, for instance, have found the modern array of toys and dolls amazing or bewildering?

To yesterday's child, the wealth of packages under today's Christmas trees might well have been bewildering. Until quite recently, Christmas gifts were few in number, though their very rarity made them at least as prized and cherished as the modern Yuletide bounty.

As for amazement, today's toys and dolls are marvels of mechanical ingenuity—yet that ingenuity would not have seemed so very strange to yesterday's youngsters. Complex though they are, modern playthings have their counterparts in the wonders of the past.

Following Fashion—and Invention

Since earliest times, dolls have followed fashion, and toys have copied man's inventions. In some cases, toys may even be said to have sparked inventions—witness the velocipede, a favorite toy a century ago. Inspired by foot-powered hobby horses of the early 1800s, the velocipede in its turn became the forerunner of the bicycle.

Toys today reflect modern living—and so did toys of long ago, in their day. For instance, toy racing cars came onto the gift market early in this century, when the automobile industry was getting its start.

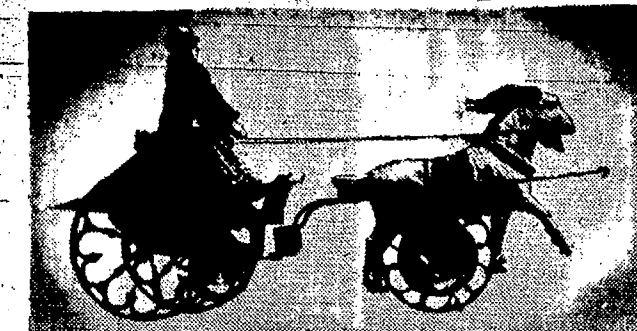
As for dolls, the electronically-motivated walking, talking wonders of today are only the latest development in a long line of magical, marvelous dolls. Yes, modern dolls are fabulous in their complexity—but dolls of the 17th and 18th centuries were frequently even more elaborate!

Has Dual Role

Since ancient times, the doll has played a dual role, as toy and as religious symbol. Today's creche dolls, displayed as part of the manger scene in churches and homes, have historical counterparts in the dolls used as religious figures, or idols, by primitive peoples.

Dolls fashioned of clay, stone or bone have been unearthed by archaeologists from tombs thousands of years old. Their presence in the tombs is thought to mean that the dolls were intended as idols.

The word, "doll," in fact derives from a Greek word, "eidolon," which means "idol." Historians say that, before the birth of Christ, Egyptian



AMONG THE FIRST to make playthings in quantity for American children were the tin-toy manufacturers of the 1850s, says Mary Childs Black, director of the Museum of American Folk Art. Often, the tin toys were wheel toys, with delicate, open-spoked wheels repeated in a wide variety of vehicles and styles.

to safety and a peaceful refuge for the duration of the war.

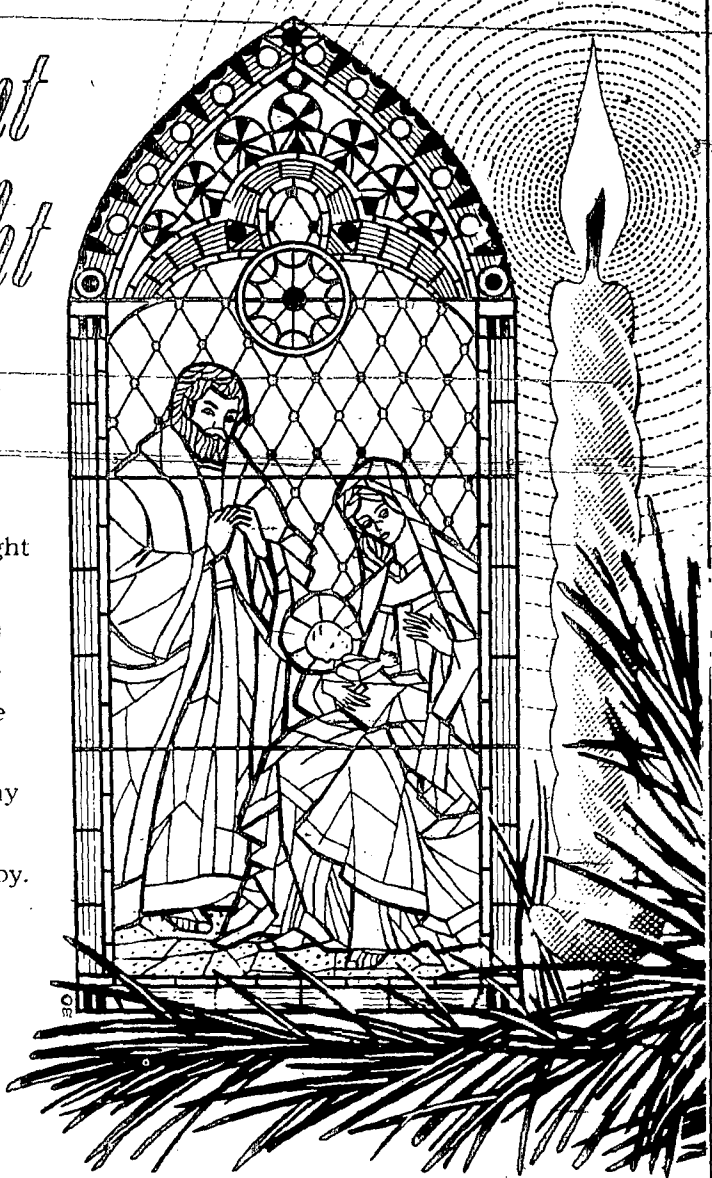
For Every Child

During the past century, the doll has really come into its own, as a precious plaything for every little girl. Now the wonders of the doll world, once the province of kings, are at the disposal of "little mothers" in homes across the nation.

From waking, talking, well-wardrobed creations of wonderful complexity to soft and cuddly rag dolls of sweetest simplicity, dolls timelessly delight little girls. For, yesterday or today, one thing is certain. In every generation, packages from Santa evoke the same sparkle in young eyes, for a child's delight in a dream come true never changes.

Silent Night

"All is calm, all is bright"
The glorious message of that Silent Night spreads its calm peace, its bright promise throughout the world, at Christmas. May it bring you comfort and joy.



BARINGER'S

"THE NORTH'S FINEST"



A message for Christmas

To you, our good friends and customers, we're extending warm wishes for a bright and merry holiday season abounding with good cheer, fellowship and joy. And, with deep appreciation, we send along our many thanks for your thoughtful consideration all year. Serving you has indeed been our deepest pleasure and privilege.

MAC'S DRUG STORE

122 Michigan Ave.

GREETINGS



We'll bask in the warm after-glow of Christmas the year round because of your friendship!

JANSEN
PLUMBING
SERVICE



JOY at CHRISTMAS

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger." As the sacred story of that Holy Night is told once again, let us rejoice in awe and wonder, for the glory of that moment, for the Miracle of Christmas.

THE GRAYLING INSURANCE AGENCY
MELVIN K. NIELSON, Owner

GRAYLING OIL COMPANY



Seasons's Greetings to all my music pupils and to members of the community.

JUNE FELDHAUSER



TONY'S CLAREN

POST

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

When is Santa coming in his bag? A happy holiday thanks for you

Pete

GRAYL

Let every heart rejoice
in the spiritual
inspiration
and blessings
of this
Holy
Christmas
Season.

**CHRISTMAS
BLESSINGS**

TONY'S BARBER SHOP
CLARENCE GROES, OWNER

Peace...
Joy

May the true,
deep meaning of
Christmas fill
the season with love
and joy for you and yours.

POST OIL CO., Inc.

A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL!

What is Santa carrying
in his bag? All our best wishes for a
happy holiday season, plus our sincere
thanks for your confidence in us!

Peter's Coiffures

**Glad
Tidings
for
Christmas**

In the hush of a Holy Night, Christ
was born, bringing glad tidings of Peace
and Good Will to all men. May the
joy of His message surround you and yours.

GRAYLING LUMBER AND SUPPLY CO.

'Winter Wonderland' Artistic Views



Illustration from the Bettman Archive
BECAUSE CHRISTMAS IS TRADITIONALLY A WINTER WONDERLAND, paintings such as "Winter Scene" by the Flemish artist Hendrik Avercamp seem to capture the mood and reflect the spirit of the holiday season. Avercamp devoted his talents to depicting the winter landscapes of Holland. This painting, which is in the Rijks Museum, Amsterdam, appears in the Grolier Book of Art, a 10-volume encyclopedia.

In Bethlehem, it's the rainy season.
In Hawaii, Santa Claus might arrive by boat, and Christmas could be celebrated on a sunny beach. In Australia, Christmas is a time for picnicking — it's summer "down under."
Even in Northern lands, December 25th does not always provide the pleasures of a "white Christmas."
In spite of the varying climates where Christmas is observed, and in spite of the frequent shortage of ice and snow at the appropriate time, the traditional image of Christmas is, and probably always will be, a wintry, snowy landscape — celebrated in song and story, pictured in countless paintings.

The countryside under a blanket of snow, the hillside drifted deep in white, the trees bent down with snow or crystal-bright with ice, the lakes, rivers and streams gleaming in ice-covered magnificence — these are favorite themes in holiday lore, and favorite dreams for all those who spend Christmas cozily among the conveniences of modern centrally-heated buildings and modern transportation.

The "winter wonderland" of ice and snow has been a frequent source of inspiration for artists. There's a wealth of winter-landscape paintings that, although not directly associated with Christmas, seem to set the mood and reflect the spirit of the season.

In 16th and 17th century Holland, for instance, a whole tradition of landscape painting was devoted solely to depicting winter scenes — somewhat unusual since the winter weather of Holland is not especially co-

For admirers of art and white Christmases alike, one of the definitive painters of winter scenes is Hendrik Avercamp.

Perhaps because of his artistic talent, Avercamp devoted his talents to depicting the winter landscapes of Holland.

camp's paintings capture to perfection both the beauties and pleasures of winter. Bare branches of trees etch their patterns against expanses of ice, in contrast with the cozy cottages and, on the ice, the merry skaters, for an ideal blending of the cold weather and warm spirit of a winter holiday.

Of Avercamp's personal history, little is known. Records show that he was baptized in Amsterdam in January 1585, and buried at Kampen in 1634. His painting was influenced by the Flemish landscape tradition and particularly by Pieter Bruegel the Elder — a painter whose fascination with the winter scene did much to shape his landscape style.

The snow-covered hillside seen in the work of the elder Pieter Bruegel contrast-

strangely with the flat, icy terrain of his native Holland. The explanation is to be found in travels which took him to mountainous lands.

Bruegel became a master in the Antwerp painters' guild in 1551, and shortly afterward journeyed to France and Italy, says the Grolier Book of Art.

In 1554 he returned from Rome to the Netherlands, recrossing the Alps on his way. The mountains and scenery of Italy made an immense impression on him, as reflected in the drawings he made at the time.

More than the "contemporary" Italian art, those mountainous vistas influenced his landscape style — and ultimately inspired Avercamp and other Flemish painters of the ever-wonderful winter scene.

With
Our
Very Best
Wishes
for the
Christmas
Season

Mildred Chew
REAL ESTATE



NEW YORK SKYLINE . . . Visible in photo above is the rectangular United Nations Secretariat Building, flanked by the spires of the Empire State Building, left, and Chrysler Building, right. More often than not, New York has snow for the Christmas season. Always, in this great American city, there are interesting things to do and see.

PAINT TOY BOXES
Children love to play with boxes, so why not decorate them for Christmas gifts? A wooden box painted in bright colors turns into a pretty — and practical — toy chest. Turn it upside down, top with a colorful cushion, and you have a child's hassock. Design several like circus cages — or, a kiddie train. Stretch your imagination and create more Christmas fun for your children.

NOEL

Let every heart rejoice in the spiritual blessing and inspiration of the season. And may the meaning of Christmas make your holidays bright.

AUSABLE SOUVENIR WORKS

GREETINGS

It's always been our pleasure to serve you, thanks to your loyalty and good will. We hope that your holiday season will be spent joyously in the company of those you hold dear. Merry Christmas!

**STARK'S
MARATHON SERVICE**

Joy to the World

Joyfully let us look to the Birth of the Holy Child. May the divine message of His coming bless the world.

Flowers by Josie
JOSEPHINE McEVERS
PHONE: 348-400

A Christmas Story

Let the Divine Light that shone brightly upon the shepherds on the day of our Saviour's birth bring joy to you and your family this season.

GRAYLING REEL CO., Inc.

Greetings

To you — the merriment that comes with trimming the tree, waiting for Santa, opening his gifts. To you — a holiday season bright with good cheer and warm with good fellowship. And to you, our sincere and hearty thanks for your patronage.

Sorenson Agency and Associates, Inc.



Merry Christmas

Here's to you, our good friends and patrons... our sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving you and best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Save-Way Laundry & Dry Cleaning



a Merry Christmas

To you and yours, we extend our cheeriest holiday greetings and our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage, valued friendship and good will.

SOUTHBEND LEONARD SERVICE



JOY to the WORLD

May the joys of the holiday abound, bringing you and your family a glorious season of peace and contentment. Our gratitude to you, friends and patrons.

MILLER'S HARDWARE

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They Go Together— Feasting and Festivity

During the Christmas season, merry sounds ring out, pleasing sights greet the eye and tantalizing aromas fill the air. Good food is as much a part of holiday tradition as bells and carols, greens and gifts.

At this festive time, people delight in serving their families and friends an abundance of choice foods. The custom probably began with the ancient winter festivals.

In the course of time, naturally each nation developed its own treasured customs in connection with the Christmas dinner, say the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

customs of the agricultural nations of Eastern Europe, where peasants offered thanksgiving for a good harvest, usually of grain, during the winter season.

Special holiday cakes were thought to bring good fortune and good health.

More directly connected with the religious meaning of the season is the "Christ-bread"



Rejoice...

May the happy tidings of Noel fill your home with peace, companionship and warmth. Merry-Christmas!

CHIMES HOBBY SHOP

Joe and Donna Renaud

Serving the "Bird"

On American tables, the center of attraction is usually the turkey. This custom has its origin in the English "Christmas bird"—usually a goose, capon or chicken, rather than a turkey.

In medieval times, a large bird was standard fare at English Christmas dinners among the common people. In castle and manor, however, a "bird" wasn't always the main dish.

To the tune of the old carol, "The Boar's Head in Hand I Bear," the boar's head was borne to the table in solemn procession. Then followed other courses—and what courses! The most lavish of dinners usually featured a boar's head.

For a medieval feast, a typical menu included 17 main dishes—everything from roasted swan to a kid with a pudding in its belly!

Breaking Bread

Everywhere, a widespread use of breads and pastries is customary for the Christmas feast.

This has its origin in pre-Christian and early-Christian tradition in many countries. This is a long cake, and its shape is meant to symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Both mince pie and plum pudding began as national Christmas dishes in England. Like the "Christ-bread," early mince pies were baked in symbolic shape—an oblong meant to represent the manger.

Toasting the Holiday

As today's punch or eggnog bowl attests, favorite beverages and friendly toasts go along with the good cheer and good feasting of the holiday.

It all began with the English "wassail" bowl. The wassail, a holiday beverage of medieval times, was served hot in a large bowl, and it was compounded of ale, apples, eggs, sugar and spices.

The name comes from "Was Haile," a Saxon greeting which means, "Your health." Gradually, the word "wassailing" began to mean any kind of Christmas revelry accompanied by a festive beverage.

—SYMBOL
On Christmas morning in the 18th Century, choir boys carried baskets of apples pierced with sprigs of rosemary to symbolize the fall of man and the hope of redemption.



DOLLS AND CHRISTMAS GO TOGETHER—and this doll with her golden curls and golden harp seems to symbolize the happiness of the season. She's one of more than 8,000 dolls in the Samuel F. Pryor International Doll Library*, Greenwich, Conn.

*The Doll Library may be visited by appointment only.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls! Each Has Story to Tell

"It's fun to get a doll for Christmas."

This statement comes from a real authority, who is a former Marine, a world traveler and international airline executive—and who is also a man who has more dolls than almost anybody except Santa Claus!

Collector Samuel F. Pryor is the founder of the International Doll Library in Greenwich, Conn., where more than 8,000 dolls are gathered in fabulous variety.

Begun in 1953 when he inherited 300 dolls from a friend, the still-growing collection includes hundreds of dolls searched out by Mr. Pryor himself, and it has also been augmented by gifts from some of the thousands of visitors to the Doll Library—hence Mr. Pryor's personal knowledge that a doll under the Christmas tree is truly a source of delight.

The Doll Library, so named because every doll has a story to tell, is attractively housed in a 1792 barn, remodeled to provide appropriate settings for the dolls. Visits to the Doll Library are by appointment only.

Here, there are antique dolls, historic dolls, craft dolls, religious dolls, dolls of every land and every era. The dolls indeed have much to tell to the serious student of world history and world civilization.

But to Mr. Pryor, the important thing about the dolls is that they are objects of affection—cherished by little girls waiting for Santa, and by everyone who loves dolls, to play with and admire.

Along with their legacy of love, the dolls bring a record of mankind's ingenuity.

Among the antique dolls in Mr. Pryor's collection is a 19th-century beauty who turns her head, flutters her eyelids, heaves her bosom and plays a lyre, to the tune of a hidden music box.

Many other dolls in the Pryor collection make it plain that mechanical accomplishments are by no means limited

to the dolls of today. For instance, a group of early American dolls includes the "Autoperipatetikos"—a walking doll patented in 1832.

Another kind of ingenuity is manifest in the craft dolls, lovingly fashioned by thoughtful hands from virtually any and every convenient material—pen wipers, shells, newspapers, wishbones, sponges, corn cobs, pine cones, pipecleaners, clay pipes, even an old potato masher.

Among them are "Mr. and Mrs. Crab," dolls with faces made from crab claws. These do-it-yourself dolls were featured in "Godey's Lady's Book" for May 1867, with illustrations of Mr. and Mrs. Crab and "how to" instructions.

Among the Library's little inhabitants, dolls of other lands form a miniature United Nations. A turbaned Brazilian dancer, a Spanish matador with cape and sword, a Japanese geisha, a Belgian lady, a German tourist, an Arabian desert prince, an Argentinian gaucho—the list is seemingly endless.

Differences may divide nations—but not in the Doll Library. Mr. Pryor's dolls get an opportunity to enact the holiday spirit of peace and good will, all year. As a pastime, he likes to bring dolls of many nations together in friendly groups.



Christmas

May the Christ Child born in Bethlehem so many years ago bring His message of Peace and Good Will into every heart on this joyful Christmas Day

Sorenson Funeral Home

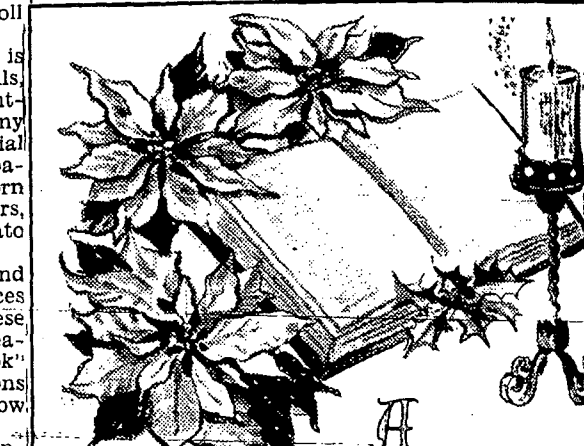


MERRY CHRISTMAS
Good cheer to our wonderful friends and customers. We're grateful to one and all.

SCHEER MOTORS, Inc.

PHONE: 348-6781

300 CEDAR ST.



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"...and on earth peace, good will toward men." So may your days be blessed with the joys of Christmas.

R & H SPORT CENTER

Ray Pease

107 Lake St.



A Very Merry Christmas

Here's to your happiness on this heart-warming Christmas Day. We're delighted and heartily grateful for the sincere loyalty and good will of our fine customers. Many thanks.

TUFTS DISTRIBUTING CO., Inc.
TEXACO—FIRESTONE—A. C. PRODUCTS



Rejoice

...for Christmas is here! One of the season's bright pleasures is exchanging holiday greetings. This pleasure is ours as we say, "Thanks" to our many loyal customers.

GRAYLING Electric and Heating

GRAYLING RESTAURANT JOE GRIMALA



Merry Christmas

We ring out with notes of good cheer to you and yours this Christmas season. You've brought us a happy year, through your patronage and good will. Our deepest appreciation is yours.

BURNS Hardware & Furniture

Robin Lives in Holiday Legend

What's a robin doing on a Christmas card? More familiar as a harbinger of spring, bobbing along with a fat worm in his mouth, the robin is nevertheless a centuries-old Christmas symbol. And one of the earliest Christmas cards, a 100-year-old English greeting, features an illustration of a robin on a snowbank.

Because legend says the robin played a vital part in the first Christmas, Yuletide decorations and cards have long celebrated the cheery red-breast. This year's crop of Christmas cards included an assortment of robin designs, many depicting the bird at the manger scene.

One card published for this year featured a retelling of the robin legend, reports Mrs. Jeannette Lee, design-director for Hallmark cards.

According to the legend, the Holy Family was not alone in taking refuge in the stable at Bethlehem. Perched on a rafter, a small brown robin watched as the three Magi presented their gifts to the newborn Christ Child.

The robin seemed to understand that something won-



ANTIQUE CHRISTMAS CARD INSPIRED BY robin legend was designed by Jonathan King in London in 1867. The robin wears a red vest because he fanned the embers of the stable fire, to keep the Christ Child warm, legend says. The well-preserved greeting, a century-old this year, is from the Hallmark Historical Collection.

drous was happening. After the departure of the Magi, when the Holy Family was asleep, the robin noticed that the stable fire was dying. Only a few coals smoldered.

In a valiant attempt to revive the flickering embers, the robin swooped down to fan the fire.

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Hovering above the coals, he flapped his wings, fanning the embers to life. As the fire burned brighter, flames singed the robin's breast, scorching his brown feathers a brilliant red gold.

Through the night he fanned the fire to keep the Child warm. Ever since, the robin has worn a red vest, symbolizing his gift.

As a Christmas symbol, the robin embodies the spirit of giving. Like the Magi, the robin gave a precious gift, and he gave it at the cost of personal sacrifice. Thus the robin's gift suggests the deeper meaning—the giving of one's self—the legend notes.

LITTLE FOLK PHANCE

For Icelanders, Christmas Eve is the holiest night of the holiday season.

Tradition says, however, that many years ago elves, dwarfs and other little folks pranced and danced about the streets on the night before Christmas.



To Greet You at Christmas

The carolers sing out our greetings to you for a most happy holiday season!

Thank you for letting us serve you all through the year.

GRAYLING PHARMACY



Joyous wishes for a happy Holiday.

Sincere thanks to our many friends.

CLARK 100

BOB'S SUPER 100 SERVICE

CEDAR AT LAKE STREET

Christmas Time

MORE than two thousand years ago, three Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem to a manger... the humble birthplace of Him who was to bring a new spirit into the World... the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men". Today, as in all the years between, that spirit lives on in the hearts and minds of all mankind... calling us to church on this, our Saviour's natal day... to lift our voices in those beloved old Christmas hymns and carols... and lift our hearts anew with the courage and hope of His message.

YOUR CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS

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| LEO E. LOVELY
County Clerk | ARTHUR F. CLOUGH
Sheriff |
| JOHN HUNTER
Register of Deeds | WAHJ. ELLISON
Prosecuting Attorney |
| CHARLES GOSS
County Treasurer | EMIL L. KHAUS
Judge of Probate |

Who's Pelsnickle? In Doll Library, He Shows Why Naughty Children Might Dream His Vi-

Where there are dolls, there's 8,000 dolls, and naturally, many of them suggest Christmas in a very special way — from the "Doll Library" at Greenwich, Conn., there are more than



SIDPOCKET BILLIARD

L & L DONUT SHOP

the religious meaning of the holiday to a jolly Santa doll who wrinkles his dried-apple face in a smile that sums up all the joys of the season.

From a Christmas-season point of view, one of the most interesting dolls is a figure representing "Pelsnickle." Though little known to modern celebrants, Pelsnickle holds an important place in holiday lore. According to legend, he accompanied St. Nicholas as his servant and, while St. Nick rewarded good children with gifts, Pelsnickle had the unenviable task of punishing naughty boys and girls with "gifts" of lumps of coal and switches.

The Doll Library's Pelsnickle sports Santa Claus whiskers, wears a coat of shaggy fur and holds a bundle of switches.

While Pelsnickle and switches are usually associated, a study of Christmas lore reveals that in earlier legends he traditionally carried a birch cane, says Mrs. June Anderson Douglass, whose responsibilities as curator of the Pryor Doll Library include researching and cataloging each doll.

Like St. Nicholas, Pelsnickle was a European figure, known primarily in Holland and Germany. He came by his name very logically, since he was generally believed to wear a fur coat. "Pelz" is the German word for fur.

Today, the custom of having Pelsnickle appear at Christmas time is still observed in some Pennsylvania Dutch homes, according to the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.



PELSNICKLE "rewarded" naughty children at Christmas, says legend. Here, he's pictured as he appears in the Doll Library.

For Decorations

Not all peoples use living greenery in their festive holiday decor. In Scandinavia, where greenery is symbolic of mourning, people use bright colored papers, ribbons, fringes, fancy balls, sweetmeats, flowers and fruits for Yule decorations.



Merry Christmas

This is the season when all good dreams may come true! We hope Santa remembers you and yours with every thing you've been wishing for!

And we send along our thanks for your friendship!



PEACE, GOOD WILL

May your prayers be answered many-fold and your heart filled with joy and love.

DR. J. F. COOK, D.D.S.



O, HOLY NIGHT...

As the Star shone on that hallowed night, long ago, when our Saviour was born, so may it shine this Christmas, blessing you and yours with the light of peace, happiness and contentment. May the spirit of Christmas dwell in your heart, forever.

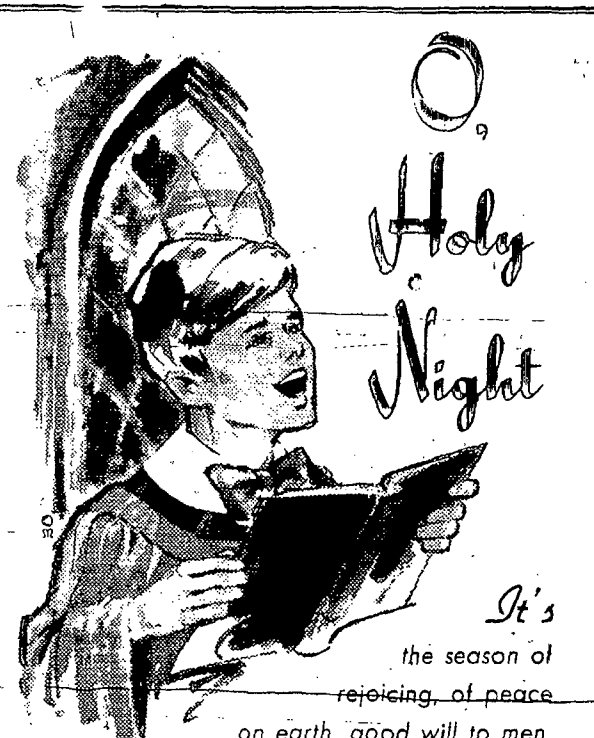
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May your Christmas be filled with the warmth of good cheer, good-fellowship!

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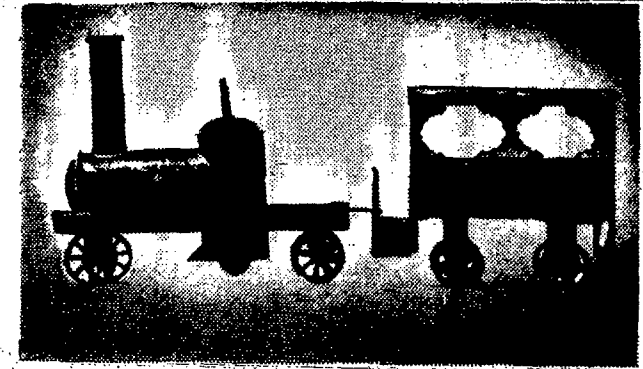
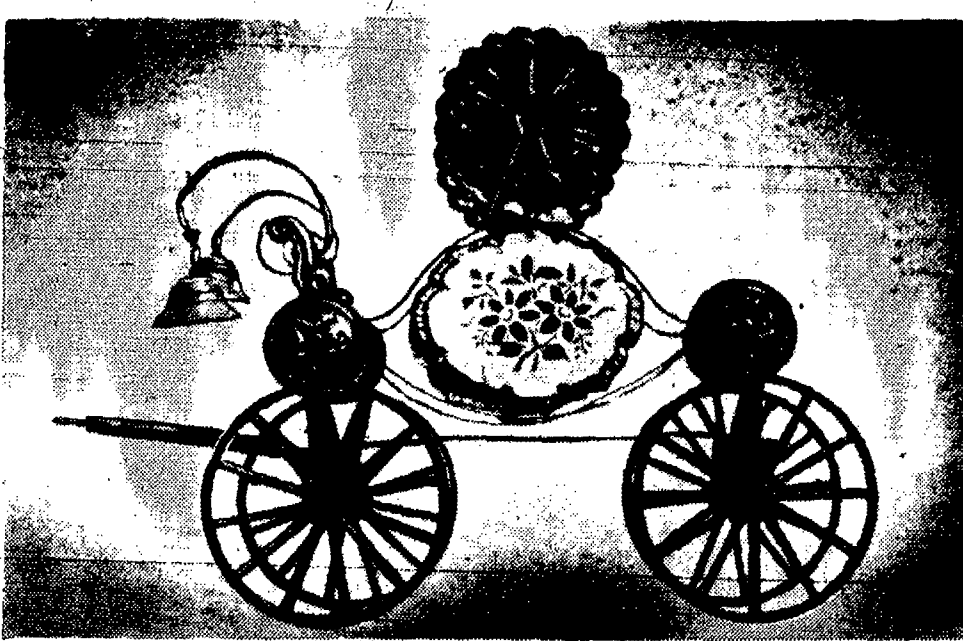
Mrs. Mary Sajdak, Prop



GREETINGS

Our warmest wishes to you and your family for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. May your blessings be many, enriching your days and bringing you joy.

Art Clough
"REAL ESTATE"



BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS



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TIN-WHEELED TOYS pictured here are from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baranholz, Princeton, N. J. After founding their own toy firm in 1950, the Baranholzes developed an interest in old as well as new toys. Their tin toy collection began in 1956, with a milk wagon painted blue—a gift to Mrs. Baranholz.

Twelfth Night End Of Season

There are many ancient and modern rituals surrounding the observance of the Twelfth Night or Epiphany, January 6, which marks the end of the Christmas holiday season.

Epiphany was first observed in memory of the baptism of Christ. It was first mentioned in A.D. 194 and by the 4th Century was a widely accepted holiday. Today, Epiphany has a three-fold meaning: the visit of the Wise men to Jesus; the baptism of Jesus; and the miracle at Cana when Jesus changed water to wine at the wedding feast.

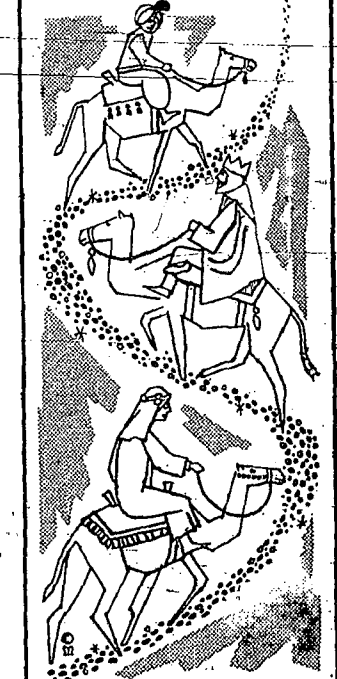
In 9th century England, King Alfred decreed that the Christmas season would include Christmas day and the 12 days following.

The Twelfth Night cake, along with the tradition of burning Christmas greenery on January 6, was in vogue when Charles II ascended the throne.

Latin peoples regard Epiphany as not only a solemn religious festival but also the beginning of the pre-Lenten carnival season. Mexican observance of Epiphany includes a march of the devout to the shrine of the miraculous Lord of Chalma in a valley southwest of Mexico City.

A January 6 ritual at Tarpon Springs, Florida, involves blessing of the Greek sponge divers and casting of a gold crucifix into the waters to signify the baptism of Christ.

GLAD CHRISTMAS TIDINGS



Our heartfelt wish for you: May a bright star blaze a clear path to wisdom, happiness, and contentment at this glad Christmastide!

Dr. P. A. Jannin, D.D.S.
Dr. James Hough, D.D.S.

Wheels Have Lasting Appeal

IN EVERY AGE, wheel toys capture children's hearts. Today's youngsters thrill to Christmas gifts of miniature, motorized racing cars. More than a century ago, the wheels might have adorned a diminutive "horse-drawn" buggy of tin. But the thought is always the same: to please a child.

Cranberries Are American Treat

Cranberries are as traditional as apple pie. Known to the Indians as I-bim, or "bitter berry," cranberries were pounded into a paste called pemmican, which was used as poultices on wounds. Noting the berries to be the favorite food of cranes, the Pilgrims called them cranberries. In the Americas...

10 Crawford County Ave. Thursday, December 22, was eventually changed to cranberries. Cranes, of course, are welcome in cranberry bogs but other birds are encouraged. Bogs are often lined with houses - homes for swallows which eat destructive insects. Along with the birds, bees play a welcome role in cranberry production. The pollen is too heavy to be carried by the wind so bees are necessary to pollinate the flowers.



"And, lo, the Star which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." As the light of Christmas shone for the Wise Men long ago, so may it shine now, in every heart and home.

Joy to You this Christmas

Clair's STANDARD Service



May all the Blessings of Christmas be Yours

We wish you all the best for Christmas with an extra measure of spiritual joy.

Hatt's Motel
Mr. & Mrs. Daie Hatt



The Peace and Promise of Christmas

Humble shepherds and mighty kings gave witness to the wondrous event of the birth of the Christ Child, and knew the great joy and peace that fills every heart on Christmas Day. May this gladness and contentment remain with you and those near and dear to you, enriching your lives in fullest measure.

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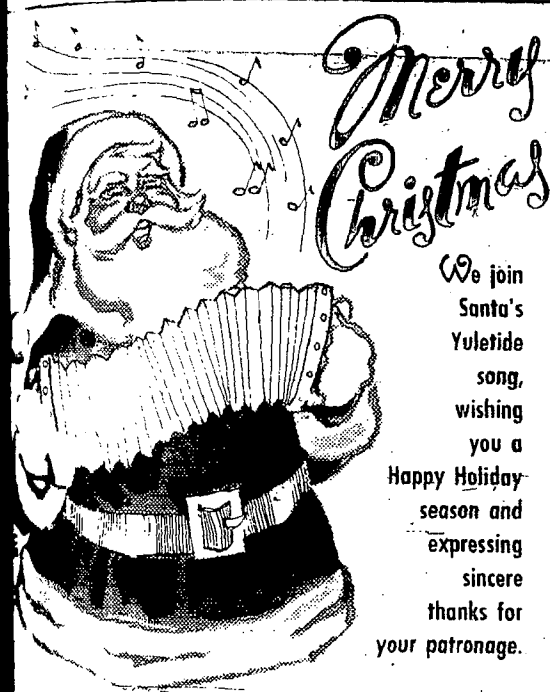
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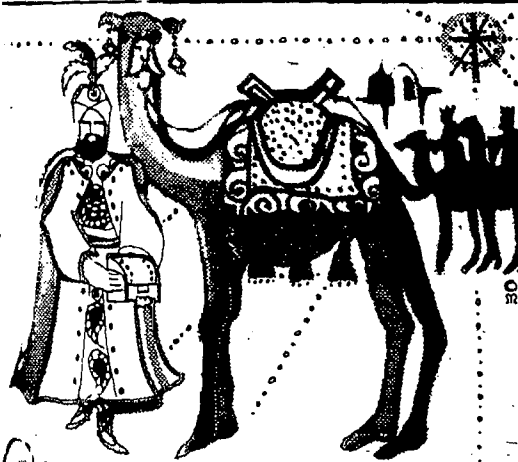
Peace at Christmas

It's Christmas... season of peace and joy. May its many blessings be yours to share, always.

ROBERTSON'S GREENHOUSE



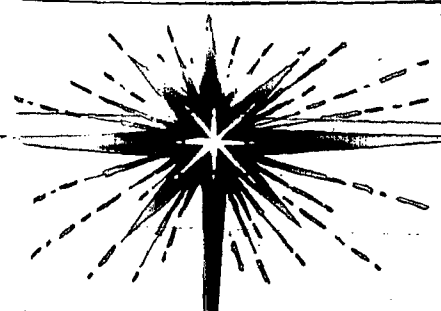
HUNTER'S DAIRY



Greetings

Our warm wishes for a festive holiday season for you and your family and our appreciation for your kind consideration and friendship throughout the year.

DUNK'S INN
Harold, Helen and Carmen Duncan



Silent Night

Christmas comes, and renews the glorious inspiration of that Holy Night long ago. To all, we wish a holiday season rich in many joys and blessings.



CHARLES MOSHIER

The Meaning of Christmas

Throughout the Christian world, Christmas is THE holiday, universally celebrated, universally recognized. Probably no library in the world could house the volume of material that is written about this great holiday in a single season.

Because so much has been written — and will again be written this holiday season — we must consider it remarkable that the story of the Nativity has continued a simple and unaffected narrative: "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son."

Traditions and customs are subject to the changing times. Yet, amid the laughter and festivities, whatever carols are sung, however gifts are exchanged, there remains forever unaffected the simple story of the birth at Bethlehem. This is the story of Christmas — an event which took place nearly 2,000 years ago — the birth of a Redeemer and the promise of eternal salvation.

Through centuries of translation, of telling and re-telling, the meaning of Christmas remains simple and universal. Christmas is the birthright of every man.

Make "Apple People" for Family Fun

Fun for the family on Christmas afternoon can start with peeling an apple — and making a doll.

So says Mrs. Mona Belle Fahrney of Springfield, Mo., who ought to know. From the same start, peeling an apple, Mrs. Fahrney has won renown as a designer and creator of apple dolls. Making the dolls is a family project, in which she enlists the aid and enthusiasm of her husband, Ben, and her daughter, Dorothy.

Apple dolls are in the tradition of making dolls from materials at hand, and they reflect the home craftsmanship of early America. Though craft specialists have revived the custom of making these dolls, they are still quite a novelty. And, says Mrs. Fahrney, apple dolls will always be unique, because no two heads turn out the same.

Even though the features are identically carved in fresh apples, the final result cannot be known until the apple heads have completely dried.

In the Fahrney family, wire bodies for the dolls are constructed by Mr. Fahrney, while the apple heads are carved by Dorothy Fahrney Murphy, a portrait artist who is, in private life, Mrs. K. L. Murphy.

Mrs. Fahrney completes the dolls, with unusual costumes, made according to patterns which she creates.

Whatever the division of craftsmanship, any family group can easily make apple

dolls, for holiday fun or year-round enjoyment, maintains Mrs. Fahrney.

She offers the following instructions:

Select firm apples — they make the best dolls. Peel apples and carve "faces" for doll heads.

Put carved apples on sticks and insert sticks into holes punched in a coffee can or other container. Set this in a granite kettle.

Place a lighted sulphur candle in a small dish and set it on a mound of damp sand, inside the kettle and alongside the apples.

Cover kettle and leave apples inside until sulphur is burned up. This helps preserve color of the apples, and kills any insects which might be present.

Remove apples and set to dry, indoors. This usually takes two weeks or longer. To further preserve the apple color, add clear nail polish to the faces, immediately after apples are dry.

Apple doll bodies can be constructed from wire and bits of wood. The wire should be sturdy, but flexible enough for arms and legs that can be bent at will, or made to stand or sit.

Wire body, arms and legs are covered with cotton batting. Twist thread around batting and fasten to hold firmly.

Attach apple head, still on stick, to body, securing with wire and glue.

For hair, white yarn is glued to the



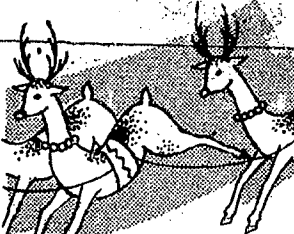
APPLE DOLLS BECOME characters of olden times, as created and dressed by Mrs. Mona Belle Fahrney of Springfield, Mo. She favors old-fashioned prints for dresses, and bonnets with open crowns, to show a bun of yarn "hair." Apple men wear dark suspenders, bright shirts and scarves. Musical instruments were made by Ben Fahrney.

Mrs. Fahrney recommends ready for dressing. Mrs. Fahrney likes her apple dolls to be about nine inches high, and says they are "much cuter" that way. However, she designed a special Santa doll, larger in size, for display during the Christmas season at Myrtle's Ceramic Christmas Shop, on Melville Road in Springfield.

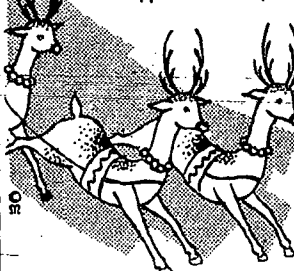
Then, the apple dolls are



All Good Wishes for Christmas



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SAINT NICK-PIRATES FRIEND

Practically everyone knows that jolly old St. Nick was a real-life bishop in ancient Turkey, the original Santa Claus who liked to distribute anonymous gifts. Yet, it is not so well recorded that he was also the patron saint of pickpockets, robbers, and pirates.

This oddly came about when St. Nicholas intervened to persuade a robber band to return stolen treasure. Pirates looked to St. Nick for accurate tips on the weather, even flew his supposed likeness on flags of their ships. In later years, swindlers in France were popularly referred to as the "Knights of St. Nicholas."

St. Nicholas was apparently very wealthy and exceedingly generous. The best-known gift-giving tale concerning this first Santa Claus — bags of gold secretly thrown into a house to provide three luckless daughters with dowries — is today symbolized by the sign of the pawnbroker — three gold balls.

The good bishop supposedly possessed miraculous powers. While on a voyage to the Holy Land, he calmed the waters of the sea to save a drowning sailor.

Sailors and pirates adopted him as their patron saint. Pirates even stole some of his relics from a Turkish church and took them to Bari, Italy, where a church was built for him in 1087.

Born in southern Turkey, of wealthy Greek parents, Nicholas joined the church and became bishop of Myra. It is said that he went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was there imprisoned by Emperor Diocletian for his faith. Later released by the Christian Emperor Constantine, he returned to Myra, where he died on December 6, 342.

Burning the Log

From a miraculous star to a tiny candle, gleaming lights have cast a glow over holiday festivities for centuries.

Pagan sun-worshippers lit candles and kindled fires at winter festivals to help the returning sun gain strength.

Traditional for both light and warmth is the blazing Yule log. Like all "Christmas lights," it has both a religious and a festive significance in holiday lore.

Because legend says that the Christ Child was washed and dressed beside an ash wood fire, the people of early England always had Yule logs of ash wood. Ash had a practical aspect, too, because it was the only green wood which would burn.

The Yule log of England and continental Europe was often believed to have mystical powers to protect the home. To give this protection, the Yule log had to be kept burning all through the 12 days of Christmas.

Later, the "blazing Yule" was primarily associated with the feasting and festivity of the winter holidays.

Ringin' Bells

Among the merry sights and sounds of Christmas, none is merrier than the ringing of bells.

Since earliest times, the pealing of bells has announced important events, both happy and sad. The first use of bells to call Christians to worship took place, it's believed, at Christmas in Italy, about 400 A.D.

Tradition once held that Christ was born exactly at midnight. In medieval Britain, church bells tolled sadly during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve. On the stroke of 12, a joyous pealing announced the Miracle of Christmas.

Today, church-spire bells and carillons ring out the tidings of Christmas.



Sincere thanks and best wishes to our many friends and patrons.

ERNIE BICSAK
"THE ROAD RUNNER"

GREETINGS

As we approach the season of peace and good will, we gratefully remember our many friends. May this greeting carry our best wishes, and our hearty thanks to one and all.



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And may the Star shine as it shone upon that hallowed night when the Holy Child was born... with eternal light forever bringing joy, love and peace into your home.

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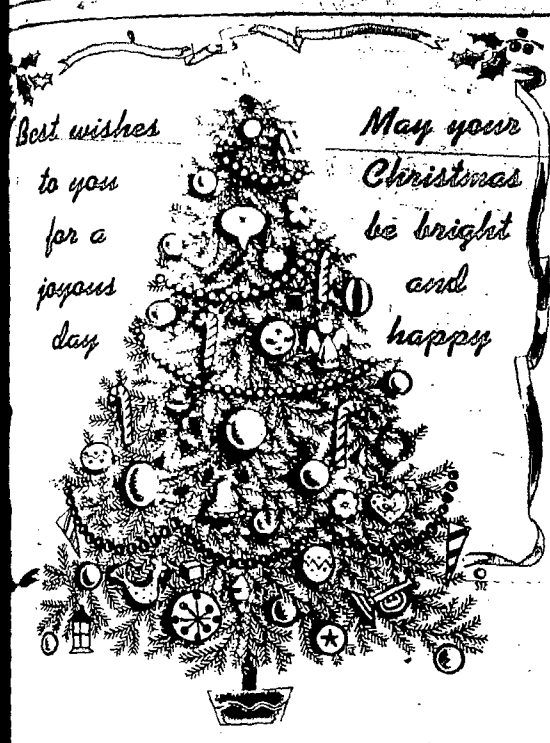


Greetings for Christmas

One of the real joys of Yuletide is the chance to put aside the routine and customs of daily business and with sincerity wish our friends a very Merry Christmas.

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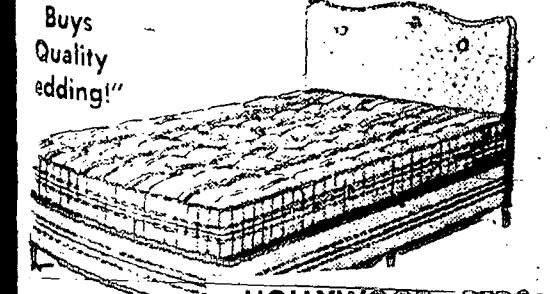
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BITS O' TALK

David England of Annapolis, Md. arrived home the first of Dec. to spend a 30-day leave with his parents, the Carl Englands. He brought his fiancée, Judy Smith of Davenport College in Grand Rapids, to spend the holidays with her parents, the Roy Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard DuBois brought their son Steve home from Albion where he is a student at Albion College. He will be spending the holidays with his parents. Also their son Gary will be coming home the 22nd from Grand Rapids where he is practicing teaching.

Marilyn Houle, a student at Michigan Technological University came home Friday to spend the Christmas Holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Houle.

David McEvers who is also a student at Michigan Technological University came home Friday to spend the Christmas Holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ted McEvers.

Mrs. John Seator, Mike and Jan of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday callers on Mrs. Frank Seren.

Anne Marie Church, Darlene Portwood and Karen Wedge came home from Adrian College Friday, going over to Lansing on the way to pick up Jeannette Skolasky, a pupil at the Mercy School of Nursing, and bring her home for the holidays too.

Pre-Inventory Sale at Weavers Gift Shop. Closing for the season after Christmas.

Miss Irene Annis and fiancé Chuck Fowler arrived here Friday from Adrian College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Annis. Anita Annis is due home this Friday from Northwestern Michigan, Traverse City.

Mrs. Lloyd Welch and daughter Denise spent the weekend visiting at the homes of the Roger Welch family in Flint and the Alex Nemeths of Owosso.

Visitors at the John Canfield home over the weekend were their son Mr. and Mrs. Ben Canfield and new baby of Inkster, and friend Bob.

Roy O. Milnes, Jr. Receives Promotion

ROSCOMMON — Promotion of Roy O. Milnes, Jr., from Forest Fire Officer, East Tawas, to Area Forest Fire Supervisor II at Roscommon is announced by C. Troy Yoder, Region II Conservation Department Manager.

Milnes is one of 22 Forest Fire Officers who have been upgraded in the Conservation Department's program to modernize the State-wide forest fire effort to meet the present day potential for large and destructive forest fires.

Commenting on the reorganization, Warren J. Fitzpatrick, Region II Forest Fire Supervisor, says, "The chances for devastating forest fires in northern Michigan are great. Many areas support unlimited supplies of fuel, especially the pine lands where the size of forest growth encourages fast running and destructive crown fires. We cannot overlook the increased numbers of people who visit our forest lands each year which intensifies chances of fire. Furthermore, there is an enormous investment in private cottages and cabins throughout the north country that must be protected. We are confident that reorganization of our forest fire set-up will provide experienced field leadership necessary to protect Michigan's forest resources."

Milnes, age 37, is a graduate of Grayling High School and a veteran of the Korean War. Prior to his assignment as a Forest Fire Officer at East Tawas in 1961, Milnes worked at the Grayling Fish Hatchery as a Lake and Stream Improvement Foreman and Conservation Foreman. Milnes, his wife Lorraine, and four children expect to reside in the Roscommon area.

The Wednesday Bridge Club met Dec. 13 at Mrs. Jack Mason's home. Prizes went to Mrs. Bill Joseph, Mrs. Leonard Knibbs and to the hostess. The next meeting will be January 3rd at the home of Mrs. Dale Pettengill.

Barbara Jurkovich entertained the girls of her class at a birthday supper on December 15, in celebration of her 12th birthday. Following the meal, games were played and prizes were won by Ann Dosch, Grace Fitzpatrick, Thelma Brozo and Karen Latuzek. Barbara received many lovely gifts.

Pvt. Gene Decker is home for two weeks visiting his parents, the Charles Deckers of Vilas St. He returns to Fort Dix, N.J., January 2.

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Blaha entertained with an open house Sunday evening at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear had as their houseguest Robert Munger of Charlotte, from December 12 to 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Bear were hosts December 13 at a cocktail and buffet supper for around 70 Bear Archery Company employees who enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the Bowhunters Club.

Personnel of the Field Training Equipment Concentration Site enjoyed a Christmas party Friday the 15th starting with a 6:30 potluck dinner, followed by dancing. Around 50 were in attendance.

Grayling Radio and TV will be closed December 26 through January 1st, and will reopen January 2.

The Carl Kobermiks of Grand Haven visited her mother Mrs. Grace Andrews for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hatch and sons of Leslie, Andy and Lyle Canfield and Lyle's guest Geneva Apps of Wayne were up in Andy's new Pontiac.

Mrs. Harry Souders was hostess at a bridge luncheon at her home Wednesday afternoon. The table was set in the holiday theme. Following a delightful meal cards were enjoyed, with prizes going to Mrs. Roy Milnes, Mrs. Dale Pettengill and Mrs. Dick DuBois.

Carl Bischoff, plant manager, and Bruce Welch, production engineer of Chris Craft Corp. of Pompano Beach, Fla. were in Holland to review plant operation there, then drove to Flint to visit relatives, Bischoff the Arthur Amachers and Bruce the Roger Welch family.

AU SABLE SWINGERS

The AuSable Swingers held their Christmas dance December 2nd. The crowd was not exceptionally large but we sure did enjoy dancing. We had a mixer dance, drawing partners by matching two halves of a Christmas card. There were door prizes drawn also.

On January 13, Saturday evening, there will be a free dance held at 8 p.m. at the Elementary School to which all interested persons are invited, to "speculate" or even try some of the basic dance steps. This dance is for the purpose of discussing the possibility of starting up classes of instruction, so some of the rest of you good people can come and join our fun. Won't you come? There is no obligation and you might find that you would enjoy it a great deal.

Dagmar SanCartier, Rep.

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank all of the people of the community who were so kind and thoughtful during the illness and death of my husband R. J. Smith. Words cannot express my deep appreciation, to all of you.

Mrs. R. J. (Louise) Smith
 James Darroch

CHRISTMASTIME GREETINGS

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Black & White Market

December Store Hours - Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Sunday 9 to 2

PICTURED are Cub Scouts of Den 2 Norm Theaker, Whitney Johnson, Mike Money operating puppets in a presentation of the Christmas story from Luke 2:8. On the right is Den Chief Donny Latusek, narrator, and behind the boys is Mrs. Ken Money, Den Mother. The presentation was made at the regular monthly pack meeting held December 14 at the Elementary School Multipurpose Room.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

So far this fall the following Cub Scout awards have been presented. Bobcat awards: Peter Bourger, Alan Kolka, John Galloway, Joel Rasmussen, Gary Church, Jack Kramer, Scott Fick, Lincoln Swift, Arthur Clough Jr., Randy Brown, David Halstead, Scott Olson, Kim White, Harold Helsel and Billy Hawley. Wolf Awards: Norm Theaker, Arthur Clough Jr., David White, Gary Fox, Kurt Larson, Michael Money and Tom Feldhauser. Bear awards: Paul Gildner, David Carlson, Mark Kesteloot, Greg Smith, Ralph Larson, Douglas Failing and John Scheer. Gold Arrows: Paul Gildner, Tom Feldhauser, Mark Kesteloot, Michael Money, Patrick Smith, Gary Fox and Ralph Larson. Silver Arrows: Tom Feldhauser, Mike Money, James Whaley and Gary Fox. Activity Badges: Geologist; Doug Failing, Ralph Larson, Kevin Sloan and Greg Smith, and Showman; Ralph Larson.

Richard Russell, comm. chmn. Earl Whaley, cubmaster

What - Where - When

Dec. 20: Legion Jr. Auxiliary Xmas party starting with 5:30 potluck supper at Legion Hall. Please contact your president.

Dec. 28: Past Matrons meet at Letha Leng's, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 4: Reg. meeting Grayling Lodge F & AM, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 6: Burning of the greens, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 6: AuSable Swingers dance at Elementary School, 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services for Mr. Truettnier were held at two o'clock on Monday, December 18th at the Sorenson Funeral Home. The Reverend Charles Kolb officiated and interment was in Elmwood Mausoleum; with Dr. Jack Cook, John Alef, James McClain, Ernest Larson, Clement Blaine and William Joseph serving as pallbearers.

A memorial fund in Mr. Truettnier's name has been established at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

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BITS O' TALK

Tony Maurer son of the Bernard Maurers and who is a student at Michigan State was home for a few days and left for Ann Arbor to visit his brother Terry and from there he went to Ohio to visit and he will be returning home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

The Otto Nielsons returned Monday from a month's visit with her sister Mrs. A. C. Christenson and mother Mrs. Louise Lindley in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Papendick attended the funeral of her father, William Steffen, in Manitowish, Wis. on Thursday. Mr. Steffen passed away on December 12th after several months' illness. Besides Mrs. Papendick he is survived by three other daughters and two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bovee and Dena met their daughter Billie at Metro Airport on Saturday, then attended "The Sound of Music" at the Farmington High School. They stayed overnight with his mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Zimmerman Sr. at Livonia and returned home Sunday. Billie is home for the holidays from Rensselaer Polytech, Troy, N.Y.

General Ronald D. McDonald and son Dennis, Schuyler and Kevin Tribell of Okemos arrived Saturday and spent the weekend at the Tom Young cabin on the Manistee River. They boys stayed on until Tuesday hoping to get in some skiing. Gen. McDonald, who has been associated with the Lansing Lithography Company, is making a change. He has been appointed Vice President of the Waldo Travel Agency Inc. and takes over his duties there on January 2nd.

"Grayling Radio and TV will be closed December 28 through January 1st, and will reopen January 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eagle attended the installation of officers at the Masonic Lodge in Birch Run last Saturday. While there they visited Mrs. Eagle's son, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Baker and family. From there they went to Clio to spend a couple days with Mrs. Eagle's other son, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker and family who will be leaving for Florida soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fish spent the weekend in Grand Rapids visiting friends.

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BOWLING LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Dec. 12, 1967

1 Hanson's Sports	44
2 Barringer's	37
3 Penguin Inn	33
4 DeHart - Laeder	32
5 Bob's Super 100	31
6 Mich. Con. Gas	31
7 Clair's Standard	30 1/2
8 Tuft's Dist. Co.	28
9 Jim's Canoe Livery	27
10 Al & Jessie's	27
11 Uncle Al	26 1/2
12 Post Oil Co.	26
13 Gen. Tel. Co.	22
14 Grayling Bay	20
15 American Legion	19
16 Grayling D & L	14

Ind. high series: M. Bidvia 586, D. Canfield 577, D. LaMotte 575.

Ind. high game: M. Bidvia 236, D. LaMotte 224, W. Vig-neaux 216.

National League - 1st Div.
Dec. 14, 1967

1 Bear Archery	36
2 B-H-S	34
3 Grayling State Bank	33
4 Wharr's DB Inn	31 1/2
5 R & H Sport Center	25
6 Grayling D & L Co.	24
7 Triangle Motel	20 1/2
8 Mac's Drugs	20

Ind. high series: La Motte SR 606, Junttila 598, Hoffman 579.

Ind. high game: Junttila and LaMotte SR 224, Hoffman 231, Laeder 211.

Also: make up match from Thanksgiving - Mac's vs B-H-S rolled Sunday, Dec. 17, 1967.

Ind. high series: LaMotte Jr. 577, LaMotte Sr. 513, Faustman and Skinner 510.

Ind. high game: LaMotte Jr. 242, LaMotte Sr. 211, Rochette 199.

National League - 2nd Div.
Dec. 14, 1967

1 Marshall Const. Co.	44 1/2
2 School Faculty	36
3 Gen. Telephone	34
4 City of Grayling	28
5 Sam's Auto Parts	25
6 American Legion	20
7 Bob's Body Shop	19 1/2
8 Fuelgas Co. Inc.	19

Ind. high series: Canfield 600, Wilcox 561, Rev. Buck 553.

Ind. high game: Canfield 225, Rev. Buck 214, Svoboda and Wilcox 209.

RECREATION LEAGUE
Dec. 13, 1967

1 Culligan Soft Water	38
2 Grayling State Bank	35
3 Scheer Motors	34 1/2
4 Mike's Sunoco	33
5 Lovells Bar	32
6 Pioneer Room	31
7 Recreationers	27 1/2
8 Leonards Gas	26
9 Ken Chappell	26
10 Olson's	25
11 Flerdie's Speedway	25
12 Glen's Market	24 1/2
13 R & H Sports	24
14 Dingman's Tavern	23 1/2
15 Bill's Laundry	21 1/2
16 Rochettes	20 1/2

Ind. high series: M. LaMotte 559, S. Korhonen 520, A. Kurzer 507, J. Hoffman 500.

Ind. high game: A. Kurzer 202, M. LaMotte 197, A. Latusek 189, S. Korhonen 187.

The officers of the Recreation League would like to wish all the bowlers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

NORTHWOOD LEAGUE
Dec. 15, 1967

1 Bear Archery	40
2 Grayling D & L	38 1/2
3 Saweway Laundry	35 1/2
4 Black & White	27 1/2
5 Penguin Inn	26
6 Grayling Bay	23
7 McEvers Motors	20
8 Burns' Hardware	13 1/2

Ind. high series: G. O'Conner 527, C. Stephan 491, M. Adams 473.

Ind. high game: G. O'Conner 194, J. Laeder 194, M. Galloway 189.

PIONEER LEAGUE
Dec. 18, 1967 (End of Half)

1-Avalanche	37
2 Dawson's	35
3 Dad's	33
4 Al's Gals	32
5 Cornell's	30 1/2
6 Vita Boy	29 1/2
7 Sorenson's	29
8 Fred Bear Museum	14

Ind. high series: B. Wells 598, S. Lindendoll 561, O. Smith 513.

High Ind. game: B. Wells 242, S. Lindendoll 214, J. Hoffman and C. Sorenson 194.

14 Crawford County Avalanche Thursday, December 21, 1967

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